Creamy Pumpkin Spaghetti

Type: Main Serves: 30 tastes Recipe source: Taste.com

Fresh from the garden: pumpkin, garlic, chives

EQUIPMENT:

Knife

Chopping boards

Bowls

Serving spoon

Measuring cups & spoons

Saucepan

Rolling pin

Wooden spoon

Baking tray

Food processor

Grater

INGREDIENTS:

800g Kent pumpkin, peeled, cut into 2cm pieces

1 tbs olive oil

3 garlic cloves, crushed

375q spaghetti

1 cup salt-reduced vegetable stock

1/3 cup light thickened cream

1/2 cup finely grated parmesan

snipped fresh chives, to garnish

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°c. Place pumpkin on a baking paper-lined baking tray. Drizzle with oil. Season. Bake for 25 minutes or until tender, adding garlic to tray for the last 5 minutes of cooking.
- 2. Meanwhile, cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling, salted water, following packet directions, until al dente. Drain.
- 3. Place three-quarters of the cooked pumpkin in a food processor or blender and reserve remainder in a bowl.
- 4. Add stock and process until smooth. Transfer pumpkin mixture to empty pasta saucepan.
- 5. Add cream and half the parmesan and bring to the boil. Add pasta and toss to coat.
- 6. Serve pasta topped with chives, and remaining parmesan and pumpkin.

Italian Pasta Salad

Type: Salad **Serves:** 30 **Recipe source:** Healthy Food Fast

Fresh from the garden: parsley, capsicum, mushrooms, tomatoes, snow peas

EQUIPMENT:	INGREDIENTS:
Saucepan	2 ½ cups pasta shapes
Knives	1 punnet cherry tomatoes 12 black olives, pitted & sliced
Measuring spoons	1 capsicum, seeded & diced 6 mushrooms, sliced
Measuring cups	1 cup snow peas, strings removed & sliced
Wooden spoon	2 T chopped parsley
Sieve	1 T lemon juice 185g tin tuna in spring water, drained ½ cup Italian dressing
	t = teaspoon T = tablespoon

- 1. Cook pasta following directions, drain and cool completely.
- 2. Toss tomatoes, olives, capsicum, mushrooms, snow peas, parsley, lemon juice and tuna together.
- **3.** Mix through pasta.
- **4.** Pour the dressing over salad.
- 5. Serve.

Sweet Potato Gnocchi & Basil Pesto

Type: Main Serves: 30 tastes Recipe source: Taste.com

Fresh from the garden: sweet potato, potatoes, basil, garlic, eggs, lemons

EQUIPMENT:

Knife

Chopping boards

Bowls

Serving spoon

Measuring cups & spoons

Steamer

Rolling pin

Wooden spoon

Wire rack

Potato masher

INGREDIENTS:

750g unpeeled orange sweet potato 500g unpeeled desiree potatoes

1 egg yolk

2 cups plain flour

Baby rocket leaves, to serve

Shaved parmesan cheese, to serve

Basil pesto

2 cups fresh basil leaves

3 garlic cloves, quartered

1/2 cup finely grated parmesan cheese

or vegetarian hard cheese

1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted

1/4 cup lemon juice

2/3 cup olive oil

- 1. Place a large steamer over a large saucepan of simmering water. Steam sweet potato and potato for 45 minutes or until tender (see note). Set aside until cool enough to handle. Remove and discard skin. Transfer flesh to a bowl. Mash until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside to cool completely.
- 2. Add egg yolk and flour. Stir to form a firm dough (if too soft, add a little more flour). Turn out onto a floured surface. Knead until smooth. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper.
- 3. Divide dough into 8 equal portions. Roll 1 portion into a 35cm-long log. Using a lightly floured knife, cut into 2cm pieces. Repeat with remaining dough portions. Roll each piece of dough into a ball. Roll each ball over a floured fork to form grooves. Arrange gnocchi between prepared trays (freeze half the gnocchi see note).
- 4. Make pesto Process basil, garlic, parmesan, nuts and lemon juice until finely chopped. With the motor running, add oil in a thin steady stream until combined. Season with salt and pepper (freeze half the pesto see notes).

Apple Lasagne

Type: Dessert **Serves:** 30 tastes **Recipe source:** Taste.com

Fresh from the garden: apples, eggs,

EQUIPMENT:

Knife

Chopping boards

Bowls

Serving spoon

Measuring cups & spoons

Saucepan

Baking dish

Whisk

Wooden spoon

INGREDIENTS:

1 large egg, lightly beaten

2 cups shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese

1/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon almond extract

2 cans apple pie filling

6 lasagna noodles, cooked, rinsed and drained

TOPPING:

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup quick-cooking oats

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Dash ground nutmeg

3 tablespoons cold butter

SOUR CREAM SAUCE:

3/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream

3 tablespoons brown sugar

- 1. In a small bowl, combine the egg, cheeses, sugar and extract; set aside. Spread one can of pie filling into a 13x9-in. baking dish coated with cooking spray.
- 2. Top with three lasagna noodles and cheese mixture.
- 3. Layer with remaining noodles and pie filling.
- 4. In a small bowl, combine the flour, brown sugar, oats, cinnamon and nutmeq.
- 5. Cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over filling.
- 6. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 45-50 minutes or until bubbly and heated through.
- 7. Let stand for 15 minutes.
- 8. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the sauce ingredients. Serve with lasagna.