SPAGHETTI CARBONARA



Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Makes 2 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 2 large egg yolks
- 1 ounce / 28 grams freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or more or less to taste
- 2 ounces / 57 grams diced pancetta or guanciale
- 2 small to medium garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons white wine or chicken broth
- 6 ounces (170 grams) spaghetti
- kosher salt

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Put a large pot of water on to boil for the pasta.
- 2. As the water heats, find a wide-bottomed bowl for tossing and serving the pasta; it should have a lot of surface area.
- 3. Whisk the egg yolks, Parmesan, and black pepper together in the bowl with a fork to make a thickish paste. Set aside.
- 4. Cook the pancetta or guanciale in a skillet over medium-low heat until the fat is rendered and the pieces are crisp, about 5-7 minutes.
- 5. When the cubes are well-browned, stir in the garlic and cook for a minute to mingle the flavors.
- 6. Add the wine or broth to the pan.
- 7. When the water comes to a boil, add 1 tablespoon kosher salt to the pot, then stir in the spaghetti with tongs.
- 8. While the spagnetti cooks, add the cooled pancetta and its sauce to the egg and cheese mixture in the serving bowl.
- 9. When the pasta is all dente, use the tongs to transfer the spaghetti directly from the pot into the serving dish; the pasta needs to be piping hot and a little drippy with its cooking water.
- 10. Mix and toss with the tongs, adding extra pasta water as needed to meld everything into a luscious coating for the strands.
- 11. Taste for seasoning before eating; the dish might need a little salt but the Parmesan and pancetta usually take care of the saltiness factor on their own.