

Crushed Beets & Whole Wheat Spaghetti

with Lemony Ricotta, Hazelnuts & Basil Oil

Get ready to be shocked by this recipe. Yes-beets, caramelized red onion, lemon, and garlic really do create an insanely delicious pasta sauce. Drizzled with garlic-basil oil and sprinkled with toasted hazelnuts, this dish will certainly push you out of your recipe rut. Don't be skimpy with that fresh ricotta—its creaminess brings the whole dish together!



35 min



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Pre-Cooked Beets Whole Wheat Spaghetti

Pre-Cooked Beets		8 oz	16 oz	
Whole Wheat Spaghetti	1)	6 oz	12 oz	
Red Onion		1	2	
Ricotta	2)	4 oz	8 oz	
Lemon		1	2	
Hazelnuts	3)	1 oz	2 oz	
Basil		1 bunch	2 bunches	
Garlic		2 cloves	4 cloves	
Olive Oil*		2 ½ T	5 T	
Nutrition per person Calo	ries: 712 cal	Carbs: 82 g Fat: 38 g	Protein: 23 g Fiber: 12	g

2 People

Allergens

1) Wheat

2) Milk

3) Nuts

Tools

Small Bowl, Medium Bowl,
Large Pot, Zester, Strainer,
Large Pan

*Not Included



Ingredients

1 Bring a large pot of water to a boil with a large pinch of salt. Once boiling, add the whole wheat spaghetti to the boiling water and cook for 8-10 minutes, until al dente. Reserve 1/3 cup pasta water, then drain.

4 People

2 Meanwhile, halve, peel, and thinly slice the **red onion**. Mince or grate 1 **garlic clove** and crush 1 **garlic clove** with the side of your knife. Zest and halve the **lemon**. Thinly slice the **basil leaves** and reserve the **stems**.



- 3 Roughly chop the **beets**. In a medium bowl, mash the beets with a fork or potato masher until completely smooth. Mix in ½ tablespoon **olive oil**, the **minced garlic**, and a pinch of **salt** and **pepper**.
- 4 Heat a large pan over medium heat, then add the **hazelnuts** and cook, tossing, until fragrant, 2-3 minutes. Set aside to cool, then roughly chop.



- 5 In the same pan you toasted the hazelnuts in make the **basil oil:** heat 2 tablespoons **olive oil** over medium heat along with the **basil stems** and **crushed garlic**. Cook for 2-3 minutes, until fragrant. Set **basil oil** aside in a small bowl.
- 6 In the same pan, add the **onion** and cook, tossing, for 5 minutes, until soft. Season with **salt** and **pepper**. Add the **beet mixture**, **pasta**, **pasta water**, and a squeeze of **lemon** to the pan. Cook, tossing until thoroughly coated. Season to taste with **salt** and **pepper**.



Plate the pasta, then drizzle with basil oil and dollop with ricotta. Sprinkle with lemon zest, basil, chopped hazelnuts, salt, and pepper. Enjoy!