

# **PESTO & WALNUT PANKO CAVATAPPI**

with Blistered Grape Tomatoes, Asparagus & Parmesan



PREP: 5 MIN COOK: 20 MIN CALORIES: 730

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### **HELLO**

#### WALNUT PANKO TOPPING

Buttery breadcrumbs and chopped walnuts add toasty flavor and crispy contrast for a better bowl of pasta!

# **MAKE IT SNAPPY**

Trim asparagus in a snap–literally! Hold the spears near the bottom ends and bend until the tough parts break off.

# **BUST OUT**

Large pan

- Large pot
- 2 Small bowls Paper towels §
- Strainer
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- Cooking oil (2 tsp | 2 tsp) (1 tsp | 1 tsp) 😌 😌
- Butter (1 TBSP | 2 TBSP)
  Contains: Milk

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\*Shrimp are fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 145°.
 \*Chicken is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 165°.



### 1 PREP

- Bring a large pot of **salted water** to a boil. **Wash and dry produce.**
- Place **cream cheese packet** in a small bowl of warm water to soften.
- Halve grape tomatoes lengthwise.
  Trim and discard woody bottom ends from asparagus; cut crosswise into
   1-inch pieces. Roughly chop walnuts.

**4 COOK VEGGIES** 

• In same pan used for panko, heat a

season with salt and pepper.

Cook. stirring occasionally. until

tomatoes begin to blister and

large drizzle of oil over medium-high

asparagus is slightly tender, 2-3 minutes.

heat. Add tomatoes and asparagus;



# 2 START PASTA

- Once water is boiling, add cavatappi to pot. Cook, stirring occasionally, until al dente, 9-11 minutes. Reserve ½ cup pasta cooking water (1 cup for 4 servings), then drain.
- Rinse shrimp\* under cold water, then pat dry with paper towels, or open package of chicken\* and drain off any excess liquid. Heat a drizzle of oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add shrimp or chicken in a single layer; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until cooked through, 4-6 minutes. Turn off heat; transfer to a plate. Wipe out pan.



## **3 MAKE WALNUT PANKO**

- While pasta cooks, melt 1 TBSP butter (2 TBSP for 4 servings) in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add walnuts and panko; cook, stirring, until golden brown, 3-5 minutes. TIP: Keep an eye on the panko; it browns quickly!
- Turn off heat; transfer to a second small bowl. Season with salt and pepper and set aside. Wipe out pan.

Use pan used for shrimp or chicken here.



# **5 FINISH PASTA**

- Stir drained cavatappi, pesto, cream cheese, and ¼ cup reserved pasta cooking water (½ cup for 4 servings) into pan with veggies.
- Cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce thickens and everything is evenly coated, 1-2 minutes. TIP: If needed, stir in more reserved pasta cooking water a splash at a time until pasta is coated in a creamy sauce.

Stir **shrimp** or **chicken** into **veggies** along with **cavatappi**.



**6 SERVE** 

 Divide pasta between shallow bowls. Top with walnut panko and Parmesan. Serve.