MOURAD'S PENNE WITH SPINACH & SMOKED SALMON



DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, bring salted water to a boil and cook according to package directions (slightly undercook). While the pasta is cooking, cook the garlic in 2 tbsp of olive oil until just fragrant and turn off the burner, careful not to burn the garlic for it will turn bitter. Add the capers. Drain the pasta reserving 1 cup of water.

Return the pasta to a medium boil, add spinach until just wilted and turn off the stove.

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10 oz whole wheat penne

12 oz smoked salmon, cut into 2-inch pieces

1 lb tender spinach leaves

2 tbsp capers

1 cup Italian parsley

4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

3 green onions, finely diced

1 tsp crushed red pepper

1 tsp fresh black pepper

3 tbsp olive oil

1 cup reserved pasta water

Mix in the smoked salmon, green onions, the remaining tbsp of olive oil, crushed red peppers and black pepper.

Toss and transfer to a serving bowl. Top with the parsley and serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8 people.