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## **Red Pepper Pesto Pasta**

with blistered baby tomatoes & fresh basil

This scrumptious pasta recipe combines blistered baby tomatoes, pops of chilli, red pepper pesto, and Italian-style cheese to create the perfect flavour-packed sauce for al dente penne pasta. Garnished with fresh basil and toasted sunflower seeds.

Hands-on	Time:	30	minutes	
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**Overall Time:** 35 minutes

Serves: 4 People

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Ingredients & Prep			
400g	Penne Pasta		
40g	Sunflower Seeds		
2	Onions peel & finely slice		
2	Garlic Cloves peel & grate		
20ml	Dried Chilli Flakes		
400g	Baby Tomatoes rinse		
200ml	Pesto Princess Red Pepper Pesto		
10g	Fresh Basil rinse, pick & roughly torn		
80ml	Grated Italian-style Hard Cheese		

#### From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut) Salt & Pepper Water **1. PENNE PASTA** Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the pasta. Cook the pasta until al dente, 10-12 minutes. Drain and toss through a drizzle of olive oil.

**2. SUNNY SEEDS** Place the sunflower seeds in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-3 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

**3. START THE SAUCE** Return the pan to medium heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the sliced onion until golden, 6-7 minutes (shifting occasionally). Add the grated garlic and the chilli flakes (to taste). Fry until fragrant, 1-2 minutes. Add the rinsed baby tomatoes and fry until blistered, 5-6 minutes. While frying, gently squash the tomatoes with the back of a wooden spoon until they burst. Season, remove from the pan, and set aside.

**4. TOSS IT TOGETHER** Toss the blistered baby tomato mix, the pesto,  $\frac{1}{2}$  the torn basil, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cheese through the cooked pasta.

**5. TUCK IN, CHEF!** Bowl up the red pepper pesto pasta. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese and drizzle with olive oil. Garnish with the remaining basil and the toasted sunflower seeds.

### **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

Energy	685kJ
Energy	164kcal
Protein	5.9g
Carbs	23g
of which sugars	3.1g
Fibre	2.4g
Fat	3.5g
of which saturated	0.9g
Sodium	159mg

#### Allergens

Egg, Gluten, Allium, Wheat, Sulphites, Tree Nuts, Cow's Milk

> Eat Within 4 Days