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# Vegetarian Aubergine Mafaldine Pasta

#### with lemon & fresh parsley

We bet you've probably never heard of this delicate, ribbon-like pasta, Chef! The same will be true for friends and family you want to show your culinary skills off to. Coated in a homemade crème fraîche, tomato & paprika sauce, loaded with oven roasted aubergine, and finished with a lemon-tahini drizzle.

Hands-on Time: 25 minutes			
Overall Time: 40 minutes			
Serves: 1 Person			

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Ingredients & Prep		
250g	Aubergine rinse, trim & cut into bite-sized pieces	
1	Onion peel & finely dice ½	
1	Fresh Chilli rinse, trim, deseed & fine slice	
1	Tomato rinse & roughly dice	
20ml	Tomato Paste	
7,5ml	Ground Paprika	
1	Garlic Clove peel & grate	
40ml	Crème Fraîche	
20ml	Tahini	
1	Lemon rinse & cut ½ into wedges	
125g	Mafaldine Pasta	

3g Fresh Parsley rinse, pick & roughly chop

#### From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut) Salt & Pepper Water Blender 1. ROASTED AUBS Preheat the oven to 220°C. Spread the aubergine pieces on a roasting tray, coat in oil, and season. Roast in the hot oven until softened, 25-30 minutes (shifting halfway).

2. CREAMY TOMATO SAUCE Place a pan over medium heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the diced onion, the sliced chilli (to taste), and the diced tomatoes until golden and softening, 4-5 minutes (shifting occasionally). Add the tomato paste, the paprika, ½ the grated garlic, and seasoning. Fry until fragrant, 1-2 minutes. Allow to cool slightly before transfering to a blender, add the crème fraîche, a splash of water, and blitz until smooth.

3. TASTY TAHINI DRIZZLE In a bowl, combine the remaining garlic, the tahini, and a generous squeeze of lemon juice. Loosen with warm water in 10ml increments until drizzling consistency and season.

4. PERFECT PASTA Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the pasta. Cook the pasta until al dente, 1-2 minutes. Drain, reserve the pasta water, and toss through a drizzle of olive oil. Combine the pasta with the creamy tomato sauce and the roasted aubergine. Loosen with the reserved pasta water until saucy consistency.

5. IMPRESSIVE ITALIAN MEAL Bowl up the creamy pasta, drizzle over the tahini dressing (to taste), and garnish with the chopped parsley. Scatter over any remaining chilli (to taste) and serve with any remaining lemon wedges.

## **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

Energy	400kJ
Energy	96kcal
Protein	3.1g
Carbs	14g
of which sugars	2.9g
Fibre	2.7g
Fat	3.2g
of which saturated	1.2g
Sodium	18mg

### Allergens

Egg, Gluten, Allium, Sesame, Wheat, Cow's Milk

> Eat Within 3 Days