

# **UCOOK**

# **Creamy Spinach-stuffed** Pasta Shells

with toasted sunflower seeds & a marinara sauce

Named after its shape like a conch shell, Conchiglioni pasta is the perfect vehicle for the creamy, garlicky spinach stuffing you will be making, Chef. These will be embraced by a flavourful tomato passata-based sauce featuring fresh oregano and goat's cheese. Perfetto!

Hands-on Time: 40 minutes Overall Time: 50 minutes

**Serves:** 3 People

Chef: Kate Gomba



Veggie



KWV - The Mentors | KWV The Mentors Grenache Blanc 2021

Loved the dish? Let us know. Join the UCOOK community. Share your creations + tag us @ucooksa #lovingucook

### **Ingredients & Prep**

300g	Large Pasia Snells
30g	Sunflower Seeds
2	Garlic Cloves peel & grate
300g	Spinach rinse & roughly shred

NOMU Cajun Rub 30ml Tomato Passata

Onions

peel & slice

2

150ml

- Chevin Goat's Cheese 75g Fresh Oregano 8g
- rinse & pick Cake Flour 90ml
- Low Fat UHT Milk 300ml

#### From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)

Salt & Pepper Water

Sugar/Sweetener/Honey

Butter

1. PASTA Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the pasta. Cook the pasta until al dente, 17-20 minutes. Drain, reserving a cup of pasta water, and toss through a drizzle of olive oil.

- 2. TOAST THE SEEDS Place the sunflower seeds in a large pan (with a lid) over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-3 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.
- 3. GARLICKY SPINACH Return the pan to medium heat with a drizzle of oil and a knob of butter. When hot, fry the grated garlic until fragrant, 30-60 seconds. Add the shredded spinach and cook until wilted, 3-4 minutes. Remove from the pan.
- 4. CREAMY SAUCE Return the pan, wiped down if necessary, to medium heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the sliced onion until soft and lightly golden, 5-6 minutes. In the final 1-2 minutes, add the NOMU rub and fry until fragrant. Mix in the tomato passata and 300ml of water. Simmer until thickening, 8-10 minutes. In the final 2-3 minutes, mix in the goat's cheese and ½ the rinsed oregano. Remove from the heat, add a sweetener, and season.
- 5. CREAMY SPINACH Place a pot over medium heat with 60g of butter. Once melted, vigorously mix in the flour to form a roux. Cook out the flour, 1-2 minutes (stirring constantly). Slowly whisk in the milk. Once the milk is incorporated, add 150ml of the reserved pasta water and the wilted spinach. Simmer until thickening, 2-3 minutes. Loosen with a splash of warm water if it's too thick. Remove from the heat and season.
- 6. JUST BEFORE SERVING Return the pan with the creamy tomato sauce to medium-low heat. Using tongs, spread the cooked pasta shells out evenly over the creamy tomato sauce, and cover the pasta shells with dollops of the creamy spinach. (Alternatively, stuff the shells with the creamy spinach. Using a tsp, fill each shell with the creamy spinach). Cover with a lid and simmer until warmed through, 4-5 minutes.
- 7. DINNER IS SERVED Plate up the saucy pasta, sprinkle over the toasted sunflower seeds, and garnish with the remaining oregano. Good job, Chef!

#### **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

Energy	561kJ
Energy	134kcal
Protein	5.8g
Carbs	19g
of which sugars	3.1g
Fibre	2.1g
Fat	3.3g
of which saturated	1.2g
Sodium	313mg

## Allergens

Gluten, Allium, Wheat, Cow's Milk

Cook within 3 Days