Leeks: How to + Recipe









HOW TO PREPARE

- Chop off the stringy roots and dark green leaves. You can save the tops for vegetable stock!
- 2. Slice the leeks in half length-wise. Lay them cut-side-down, and cut them into thin half-moons.
- 3. Transfer to a colander and rinse under cool running water, tossing to remove any debris. Use a towel to blot dry before you start to cook.





ONE-POT VEGGIE PENNE PASTA RECIPE



INGREDIENTS

- 6 oz. whole wheat penne pasta
- 1-1/2 cups sliced cherry tomatoes •
- 1-1/2 cups thinly sliced leeks
- 1 cup zucchini, sliced into ¼-inch thick half moons
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
- 3 small garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice, plus 1 teaspoon zest
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 sprig of basil
- 2-1/4 cups water
- Optional toppings: chopped parsley, toasted pine nuts, grated parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large pot, combine pasta, tomatoes, leeks, zucchini, bell pepper, garlic, olive oil, lemon juice and zest, oregano, salt, red pepper flakes and basil. Add the water and stir.
- 2. Bring to a boil, cover, and boil for 8 minutes. Stir around the 5 minute mark to make sure nothing is sticking to the bottom of the pan and put the the cover back on. At 8 minutes, test the pasta for doneness.
- 3. Remove the pot from the heat, stir, and let it sit for about 2 minutes to allow the sauce to thicken.
- 4. If using, serve with the chopped parsley, toasted pine nuts and/or parmesan cheese.
- 5. Enjoy!