Cacio e Pepe

Ingredients

- 2 oz spaghetti or long pasta
- 4 oz pecorino romano plus extra for garnish

- 2 tsp italian herbs
- 1.50 tsp black tellicherry pepper, finely ground
- 3 tbsp butter

Instructions

1.Bring a shallow pot of salted water to a boil. You want enough water to cook the pasta, you want the water to become very starchy so don't overfill the pot. The water should just barely cover the pasta.

- 2. Meanwhile, shred cheese with the fine side of a cheese grater. Add finely ground black pepper.
- 3. Add pasta to boiling water and cook until al dente. Drain well, reserve $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of pasta water (please do not rinse pasta). The pasta water should be a bit starchy and a little thick.

- 4. Working quickly, place 3 tbsp butter in a pan and melt over low heat, add Italian herbs. Whisk in 1/3 cup of pasta water until smooth. Remove from the heat.
- 5. Add the hot pasta and toss with the butter in the pan. With the heat off add the remaining cheese a couple tablespoons at a time while tossing with tongs until melted.
- 6. Continue adding cheese a little at a time tossing until melted and adding pasta water as needed to create a creamy sauce.
- 7. Garnish with additional cheese and parsley if desired. ENJOY immediately.

Serves: 4

