

Dinner tonight



SERVES 6

easy baked penne with ricotta and basil

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat.

Add the penne and cook until tender, about 9 minutes. Drain and set aside to let cool for about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine ricotta cheese, basil, 1 1/2 cups of the pasta sauce and pepper in a large bowl. Transfer pasta to bowl with sauce mixture and toss gently to coat.

Spread 1/2 cup of the remaining pasta sauce over the bottom of a 7 x 11-inch

baking dish. Spoon pasta mixture into dish and spread out evenly.

Drizzle remaining sauce over the top, sprinkle with mozzarella and bake until golden brown and hot throughout, about 30 minutes.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound dried penne rigate pasta
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese

- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 (25-ounce) jar marinara sauce, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Approximate values per serving:
450 calories, 8 g fat, 76 g carbohydrates, 20 g protein, 660 mg sodium

Feast of flavors

A harvest of distinctive tastes

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