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Spring Pea Pesto Pasta

Serves 4-6

This pasta is perfect for an impromptu spring dinner with family and friends! The fresh pesto comes together quickly with a small food processor and delivers a wonderful depth of flavor. The peas, burrata cheese, Sun Gold tomatoes, fresh mint, and basil make a tasty and gorgeous garnish. **Buon appetito!**

Ingredients:

1 lb Casarecce pasta (or whatever shape you prefer)

1 cup frozen peas

1 cup Sun Gold tomatoes, halved

Spring Pea Pesto Ingredients:

1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed

1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves

1 tablespoon packed fresh mint leaves

juice of 1/2 lemon (about 2 tablespoons)

2 tablespoons pine nuts

1 small clove fresh garlic

Garnish:

8 oz burrata cheese Mint leaves Basil leaves, chiffonade

Directions:

- 1. Prepare the pesto by pulsing all of the ingredients together in a small food processor.
- 2. Cook the pasta according to the package instructions. Drain, reserve about 1/2 cup of the pasta cooking water. Cook the peas by bringing to a boil for 1-2 minutes, or until they turn bright green.
- 3. Mix together the cooked pasta with the cooked peas, pesto, and fresh halved tomatoes.
- 4. Garnish with chunks of fresh burrata, mint leaves, and basil.