Creamy Red Pesto Gnocchi



| Servings | Total | Prep | Cook |
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| 3 | 25 min | 10 min | 15 min |

Ingredients

Tomato pesto sauce

1/2 Tbsp (7 mL) vegetable oil
1 medium shallot, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/3 cups (400 g) canned whole peeled tomatoes
3 Tbsp (48 g) vegan red pesto
1/3 cup (80 g) plain vegan cream cheese
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp ground black pepper
1/2 lemon, juiced

Gnocchi

5½ cups (704 g) uncooked vegan gnocchi ✓ ½ Tbsp (7 mL) vegetable oil

Optional garnish

fresh basil vegan parmesan

Directions

- 1. Add the oil, shallots and garlic to a medium pot, and cook until lightly golden.
- 2. Add the tomatoes and pesto, and cook for 5 8 minutes.
- 3. Meanwhile, cook the gnocchi according to the package instructions. For us this took 2 minutes. Then drain.
- 4. Heat some oil a <u>sauté pan</u> over medium-high heat. Add the drained gnocchi to the pan and cook until lightly golden on the outside. Cook in batches if necessary to not over-crowd the pan.
- 5. Returning to the sauce, add in the cream cheese, salt, and pepper. Use an <u>immersion blender</u> to blend until smooth*.
- 6. Transfer the tomato sauce to the sauté pan containing the gnocchi. Squeeze over the lemon juice, and stir to coat.
- 7. Plate, garnish as desired, and enjoy!

Notes

• * Alternatively, blend in a standing blender.

Storage

- The gnocchi is best enjoyed freshly made.
- Store leftovers in an <u>airtight container</u> in the fridge for up to 1 day any longer and the gnocchi tends to become overly firm. Ideally, reheat in a pan with a splash of water to loosen the sauce and gnocchi up.