

# One Pot Spicy Pesto Cheese Baked Rigatoni

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## Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1 shallot chopped  
3/4 pound ground spicy Italian chicken sausage  
4 cloves garlic, minced or grated  
2 (28 ounce) cans crushed San Marzano tomatoes  
1/2 cup vodka (chicken broth or water also work)  
3/4 cup basil pesto homemade or store-bought  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
1 teaspoon dried rosemary plus fresh rosemary for serving  
kosher salt and pepper  
1 pound dry rigatoni pasta  
2 cups shredded kale  
2 cups shredded fontina cheese  
8 ounces mozzarella, torn

## Process

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over high heat. When the oil shimmers, add the shallot and cook until fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add the chicken sausage and brown all over, about 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the garlic, cook another minute. Slowly add the tomatoes, vodka, 1/2 cup pesto, oregano, rosemary, and a pinch each of salt and pepper. Then add 2 1/2 cups water, the pasta, and kale. Increase the heat to medium-high. Bring the mixture to a boil. Stir frequently until the pasta is al dente, about 8-10 minutes.

If needed, transfer the pasta to a baking dish. Top with the fontina cheese, then drizzle the remaining 1/4 cup basil pesto evenly over everything. Add the mozzarella.

Transfer the baking dish to the oven and bake 20-25 minutes or until the cheese has melted and is lightly browned on top. Cool 5 minutes before serving. Serve with fresh

rosemary. Enjoy!

## Nutrition

**Servings: 8**

Calories:

Fat:

Carbs:

Protein: