

<u>Noreen's Kitchen</u> <u>Creamy Tomato Orzo</u> <u>with Spinach</u>

Ingredients

2 cups orzo pasta
3 cups water
4 tablespoons butter
2 cups tomato or pasta sauce
1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon onion powder 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning blend 1 teaspoon dried basil 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper 4 cups loosely packed baby spinach

Step by Step Instructions

Bring water to a boil over medium heat. Add butter and dry orzo. Stir well.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until pasta is cooked through but still a bit chewy. You may need to add a bit more water if the pasta is not cooked all the way to your liking.

Once pasta is cooked through, add butter, cheese, sauce and seasonings. Stir well to combine.

Add spinach and stir until wilted. Remove from heat and allow to rest for 10 minutes.

Serve with a sprinkle of more cheese if desired.

Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days.