

# **Chicken Broccoli Alfredo**



#### Ingredients

- $2^{1\!/_{\!2}}$  cups whole wheat penne pasta, uncooked
- I tablespoon oil (olive, canola or vegetable)
- I pound boneless skinless chicken breast, cubed into bite-sized pieces
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- I cup low-sodium chicken broth
- I cup low-fat milk

1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
2 cups fresh or frozen chopped broccoli
Pepper to taste
Pinch of nutmeg (optional)

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

## Directions

- I. Heat water in a large pot for the pasta and prepare according to package directions.
- 2. Heat a large skillet on medium and add oil to the pan.
- 3. Once heated, add the diced chicken to the pan. Stir every 20-30 seconds and allow it to cook for 8-10 minutes until cooked through. Covering the pan will help it cook faster. Adjust heat as needed.
- 4. Add the flour to the pan with the cooked chicken and stir well until it begins to lightly toast, about 3 minutes.
- 5. Slowly add the chicken broth, milk, and garlic powder to the pan.
- 6. Whisk well to break up lumps and allow the liquid to come to a simmer. The mixture will begin to thicken as it simmers after 2-3 minutes.
- 7. If using frozen broccoli, place in a strainer and rinse under lukewarm water to thaw (or microwave for 2 minutes). Drain the water and add to the pan. Fresh chopped broccoli can be added directly into the pan. Stir frequently for 2-3 minutes.
- 8. Add the mozzarella and Parmesan cheese and stir until melted.
- 9. Mix sauce with the cooked pasta and serve.

Serves: 6 People • Serving Size: 1 cup • Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 25 minutes

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#### ChefTips

- I. Use pre-cooked chicken to save time
- 2. Substitute your vegetables depending on what is in season
- 3. Try different types of WIC pasta
- 4. Use 1/2 block of low-fat cream cheese in place of the mozzarella cheese
- 5. Add chopped, fresh herbs, such as dill, thyme, or rosemary, at the end of cooking for more flavor

### **Supplies**

- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Cutting board
- Knife
- Pasta pot
- Strainer
- Large skillet
- Liquid measuring cup
- Wooden spoon
- Whisk
- Serving bowl



Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 335 Calories, 9 g Fat, 31 g Carbohydrate, 31 g Protein, 235 mg Sodium

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