

Ricotta Gnocchi

pound fresh whole milk ricotta
 egg yolks
 cup grated parmesan cheese
 teaspoon grated nutmeg
 1-½ cups all-purpose flour, or as needed
 Salt and pepper

- Stir together ricotta, egg yolks, parmesan and nutmeg; season with salt and pepper. Add flour, stirring, until it forms a firm dough.
- Transfer to a floured cutting board. Gently knead into a ball; cut into two pieces and shape each piece into a rope about 1/2-inch in diameter. Cut each rope crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces; transfer to a floured baking sheet.

Meatballs and Pasta with Sundried Tomato Pesto

1 tablespoon olive oil
6 beef or turkey meatballs
1 shallot, minced
2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
¹/₂ tablespoon Italian seasoning
¹/₂ cup chicken stock
¹/₄ cup cream
2 tablespoons sundried tomato pesto
¹/₄ pound pasta, cooked
Grated parmesan
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add the oil.
- Cook meatballs, turning occasionally, until nicely browned and cooked through. Remove from pan.
- Add the shallot and garlic; cook until translucent.
- Stir in the spices.
- Add the stock and cream; simmer until thickened.
- Stir in the pesto and pasta; simmer until heated through.
- Stir in meatballs and parmesan. Adjust seasoning.



Sauteed Chicken with Orange, Caper and Herb Sauce

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 chicken cutlets
1 tablespoon herb mix
1 shallot, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
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Pinch of crushed red pepper
¹/₂ cup chicken stock
Juice of ¹/₄ orange
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon cold butter
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1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme
Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper

- Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add the oil. Season chicken with herb mix, salt and pepper.
- Saute, turning once, until lightly browned and cooked through. Remove from pan.
- Cook the shallot until translucent. Add garlic and crushed red pepper; cook 1 minute more.
- Add the chicken stock; bring to a simmer.
- Mix together the orange juice and cornstarch. Add cornstarch slurry; simmer until thickened.
- Remove from heat; whisk in cold butter. Stir in thyme; season with basil, salt and pepper.
- Serve chicken topped with sauce.