ORECCHIETTE WITH WALNUT AND PEA PESTO

Preparation: 10 minutes | Cooking: 15 minutes | Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

400 grams (14 ounces) orecchiette
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 1/2 cups frozen peas, blanched and refreshed
1 cup walnuts, roasted and cooled
1 cup extra virgin olive oil
3/4 cup finely grated parmesan
3 teaspoons dried
Italian herbs
Juice of 1/2 lemon



INSTRUCTIONS

Place walnuts, peas, herbs, parmesan, garlic, lemon juice and oil in a blender, and whiz to a coarse paste. Season to taste and place in a large bowl. Cook pasta in boiling salted water to packet instructions. Drain, reserving 2/3 cup cooking water. Add pasta to the pesto in the bowl and then add reserved cooking water. Stir to coat. Top with extra chopped walnuts to serve.

