



Pesto

3 cups packed fresh basil
3 large cloves fresh garlic
½ cup pine (pignola) nuts
¾ cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
½ cup virgin olive oil
¼ cup melted butter
Salt to taste

Combine ingredients in a blender on low, then medium speed. Thoroughly work into a smooth paste, then toss with hot drained pasta or combine with mushrooms, spinach and mozzarella cheese and stuff into manicotti or large shell pasta.