

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.