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Everyday Pasta



Synopsis

For New York Times bestselling author Giada De Laurentiis, pasta has always been one of the great pleasures of the table: it's healthy and delicious; it can be light and delicate or rich and hearty; it's readily available and easy to prepare--everything you want in a meal. And nothing satisfies a craving for Italian food quite like it! In *Everyday Pasta*, Giada invites you to share her love of this versatile staple with more than a hundred brand-new recipes for pasta dishes, as well as for complementary sauces, salads, and sides tempting enough to bring the whole family to the dinner table. Without forgetting about the classics we all love, Giada makes the most of the many varieties of pasta available to create recipes that combine familiar flavors in exciting new ways. Although most of these dishes are all-in-one meals in themselves, Giada also supplies recipes for her favorite appetizers, side dishes, and salads to round them out. Whether you're looking for a simple summer supper that makes the most of seasonal vegetables or seeking comfort in a pasta bowl on a cold winter night, *Everyday Pasta* offers just the thing. Tuna, Green Bean, and Orzo Salad Crab Salad Napoleons with Fresh Pasta Roman-Style Fettuccini with Chicken Baked Pastina Casserole Tagliatelle with Short Ribs Ragou Spaghetti with Eggplant, Butternut Squash, and Shrimp Easy to prepare and endlessly versatile, pasta makes a wonderful quick supper when time is short but easily becomes an elegant meal when the occasion requires. In *Everyday Pasta*, Giada shows you how, with a few basic ingredients from the fridge and the pantry, you're never more than minutes away from a delicious pasta dinner.

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Customer Reviews

Food Network favorite Giada De Laurentiis returns with another beautiful cookbook, this time focused on pasta. In *Everyday Pasta* you'll find more than a hundred new recipes for pasta dishes (as well as for sauces, salads, and sides) that are easy to prepare and delicious, whether you are looking for something light and delicate, or rich and hearty. We've included a recipe for "Rigatoni with Sausage, Peppers, and Onions" below to tempt you. --Daphne Durham *Everyday Pasta* Recipe Preview

Rigatoni with Sausage, Peppers, and Onions
4 to 6 servings

Stroll through any Italian American street fair and you'll smell this classic combo. But while sausage and peppers are great in a sandwich, I think they're even better tossed with rigatoni. Using turkey sausages instead of the more traditional pork also makes it a little lighter.

Ingredients:
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 pound sweet Italian turkey sausages
2 red bell peppers, cored, seeded, and sliced
2 yellow onions, sliced
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 cup Marsala wine
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes, with juice
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
1 pound rigatoni pasta
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish

Instructions:
Heat the oil in a large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Add the sausages and cook until brown on all sides, 7 to 10 minutes. Remove the sausages from the pan. Keeping the pan over medium heat, add the bell peppers, onions, salt, and pepper and cook until golden, 5 minutes. Add the garlic, oregano, and basil and cook for 2 minutes. Add the tomato paste and stir until incorporated, then add the Marsala, tomatoes with their juice, and red pepper flakes, if using. Stir to combine, scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon to release all the brown bits. Bring to a simmer. Cut the sausages into 4 to 6 pieces each. Return the sausages to the pan. Simmer uncovered until the sauce has thickened, about 20 minutes. While the sauce simmers, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until tender but still firm to the bite, stirring occasionally, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain the pasta and add to the thickened sauce; toss to combine. Spoon into individual bowls and sprinkle each serving with Parmesan cheese.

giada de laurentiis is the star of Food Network's *Everyday Italian* and *Behind the Bash*. She attended the Cordon Bleu in Paris, and then worked in a variety of Los Angeles restaurants, including Wolfgang Puck's Spago, before starting her own catering and private-chef company, GDL Foods. The granddaughter of movie producer Dino De Laurentiis, Giada was born in Rome and grew up in Los Angeles, where she now lives.

another nice book fro Giada, she makes the simplest recipes and give good cooking advice. we love pasta but over the last couple years I hardly cook it because its a processed food and way too many carbs, but when I do its gotta be high quality and I add lots of veggies and fresh herbs from my garden. She tells you how to cook your pasta the right way so the sauce sticks, now that's useful!!

Not loving the book. I have never really been a fan of Giada's but a friend recommended it to me since I love to cook pasta. It is ok, but nothing I would write home about. Scott Conant and Mario Batalio have much better cookbooks. Sorry.

great book

I ordered this book for a friend who loves food and loves to cook. She was very much looking forward to getting this book, and she tells me it is everything she expected it to be. She is absolutely thrilled with it.

Easy and ingenious recipes.

Terrific recipes. Can't wait to try.

Haven't tried any of the recipes yet, but dying to. We've just moved and so kitchen and ingredients are not set up yet. I deliberately ordered this book just before leaving so that I'd have it in our new home. Love her show!

I've tried about 75% of the recipes in this book, I've liked everything so far. She has great tips to cut the cost and labor (using store bought rotisserie chickens, etc.) I'd recommend this book to anyone. A number of recipes call for frozen artichokes, I don't know where she is getting them but I can't find them anywhere.

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