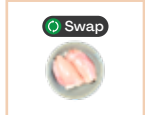




# Cozy Chicken and Pesto Orzo

## with Spinach and Peas

35 Minutes



Chicken Thighs •  
280 g | 560 g

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Chicken Breasts •  
2 | 4



Zesty Garlic Blend  
1 tbsp | 2 tbsp



Orzo  
170 g | 340 g



Baby Spinach  
56 g | 113 g



Basil Pesto  
¼ cup | ½ cup



Parmesan Cheese, shredded  
¼ cup | ½ cup



Garlic, cloves  
1 | 2



Green Peas  
56 g | 113 g

**Allergens** Hey home cooks! Please refer to the website or app for the as-prepared recipe nutritional information.

Ingredients are packaged in a facility that also handles egg, fish, crustacean, shellfish, milk, mustard, peanuts, sesame, soy, sulphites, tree nuts and wheat.

**Pantry items** | Salt, pepper, oil, unsalted butter

**Cooking utensils** | Baking sheet, measuring spoons, parchment paper, measuring cups, large non-stick pan, paper towels

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### Cook chicken

- Before starting, preheat the oven to 450°F.
- Wash and dry all produce.

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- Heat a large non-stick pan over medium-high heat.
- While the pan heats, pat **chicken** dry with paper towels. Season with **salt, pepper** and **half the Zesty Garlic Blend**.
- When the pan is hot, add **½ tbsp** (1 tbsp) **oil**, then **chicken**. Sear until golden-brown, 1-2 min per side.
- Remove the pan from heat, then transfer **chicken** to a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- Roast in the **top** of the oven until cooked through, 10-12 min.\*\*

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### Cook orzo and peas

- Once boiling, reduce heat to medium.
- Cook covered, stirring occasionally, until **orzo** is halfway done, 7-8 min.
- Stir in **peas**.
- Uncover and cook, stirring occasionally, until **orzo** is tender and creamy, 7-9 min. (**TIP:** If liquid reduces too much, add more water, ¼ cup at a time.)

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### Prep

- Meanwhile, peel, then mince or grate **garlic**.

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### Start orzo

- Reheat the same pan (from step 1) over medium.
- When the pan is hot, add **1 tbsp** (2 tbsp) **butter**, then swirl until melted.
- Add **orzo, garlic** and **remaining Zesty Garlic Blend**. Cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, 30 sec.
- Add **2 ¼ cups** (4 cups) **water**, then season with **salt** and **pepper**.
- Cover and bring to a boil over high.

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### Finish orzo

- When **orzo** is tender, add **spinach** and **three-quarters of the Parmesan**.
- Cook, stirring often, until **spinach** wilts and **Parmesan** melts, 1 min.
- Remove the pan from heat.
- Stir in **3 tbsp** (6 tbsp) **pesto**, then season with **salt** and **pepper**, to taste.
- Stir in **any remaining pesto**, if desired.

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### Finish and serve

- Thinly slice **chicken**.
- Divide **pesto orzo** between plates. Top with **chicken**.
- Sprinkle with **remaining Parmesan**.

Measurements  
within steps

**1 tbsp** (2 tbsp) **oil**  
2 person 4 person Ingredient

## 1 | Cook chicken thighs

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If you've opted to get **chicken thighs**, prepare, cook and plate them in the same way the recipe instructs you to prepare and cook the **chicken breasts**.

\* Vacuum-pack guarantees maximum freshness but can lead to small colour changes and a stronger scent. Both will disappear 3 minutes after opening.

\*\* Cook to a minimum internal temperature of 74°C/165°F, as size may vary.



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