

Chicken Pasta Caprese

Prep: 25 minutes
Grill: 10 minutes • Serves: 2

- 1½ cups medium shell pasta (about ¼ pound)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 34 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 (8-ounce) package fresh mozzarella cheese, pearls or ball cut into ½-inch pieces
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about ¾ pound) Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 cup halved tomatoes
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves (about 6 leaves)

- **1.** Prepare outdoor grill for direct grilling over medium-high heat.
- **2.** Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, cook pasta as label directs; drain. In large bowl, with whisk, stir garlic, vinegar, oil, and ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper; add cheese and toss to combine; let stand at room temperature.
- **3.** Sprinkle chicken with remaining ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper; spray both sides with cooking spray. Place chicken on hot grill rack; cover and cook 10 to 12 minutes or until chicken loses its pink color throughout and internal temperature reaches 165°, turning once halfway through cooking. Transfer chicken to cutting board and loosely cover with aluminum foil; let stand 5 minutes.
- **4.** Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces. To serve, add tomatoes, basil, pasta and chicken to cheese mixture; toss until well combined.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 550 Calories, 18g Fat (7g Saturated), 121mg Cholesterol, 613mg Sodium, 47g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 45g protein

Chef Tip

This dish can be prepared, covered and refrigerated up to 1 day before serving.

Dietitian's Dish

> Looking for a side salad for the summer picnic? Skip the grilled chicken and swap for a high protein or high fiber pasta instead.