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This Pesto, Broccoli , gnocchi, dinner , is as Irish as am going to get on this Saint Patrick's Day.

I am 100% Italian my husband is Irish, so I do cook corn beef and cabbage once a year, even though he could take it, or leave it.

Well this year, we are going to leave it, since I can't get to the store with the Corona virus, and if I could the shelves are bare. That's all am going to say about the times were living in.

This Pesto, broccoli, gnocchi recipe was inspired by me wanting to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day even if it wasn't traditional, with ingredients I had on hand

So here it is pesto, broccoli, gnocchi recipe that is easy and so quick it can be on your table in 30 minutes, made in one pan and your family and friends will love it.

It's so easy it makes a great week night meal with family. Make it in a stove to table skillet and you have an easy gnocchi dinner, just fancy enough for Saturday night dinner with friends.

## What Are Gnocchi

Gnocchi is an Italian pasta, think small Italian dumplings. The most common is classic potato, the flavor I used in this Pesto broccoli gnocchi recipe,

Homemade are made of cooked mashed potatoes, flour and eggs.

Some gnocchi recipes add ricotta to the dough. You can find these same flavors in store bought gnocchi.

Growing up, and in later years at the restaurants I watched my Mama make gnocchi, on a floured board using both hands, her skills never ceased to amaze me.

I was never as masterful as my Mama, but in the restaurants before the prep cooks and after my Mama passed, I make thousands of gnocchi, although I never learned how to use two hands.

Lucky for the home cook, in this pesto, broccoli, gnocchi recipe you don't have to make homemade gnocchi. You can use store bought shelf or refrigerated gnocchi.

There are some good brands out there, experiment with different brands and flavors to find what fits your lifestyle and taste. I like, wait NO, I love one pan cooking, homemade

gnocchi don't work as well for one pan cooking, you could up with mashed potatoes instead of little dumplings. In this pesto broccoli recipe I used classic refrigerated potato gnocchi.

Gnocchi cook quickly add them to the sauce the last 5 minutes of cooking, if at this point the sauce is too thick add a little chicken stock, if too liquid add 1 tablespoon of butter coated with butter.

When you make this recipe please leave me a comment and don't forget to tag me on Instagram, that's my favorite part!!!!

## Ingredients

- 8 oz. store bought potato gnocchi
- 1 lbs. broccoli florets
- 1 cup chopped pancetta
- 1 cup prepared pesto sauce store bought or homemade

- 1 chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons each chopped Italian parsley, basil and thyme
- 3 tablespoons butter
- salt and pepper to taste

## **Instructions**

1. In a large saute pan with the butter render the pancetta until crisp
2. Don't drain the pancetta fat
3. Add the chopped onion and garlic saute until limp
4. Add the broccoli and chicken stock simmer covered 5 minutes
5. Add the gnocchi simmer 5 minutes longer
6. Add the parmesan cheese and herbs....ENJOY!!!