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### **Creamy Asparagus Pasta**

Prep Time: 15 mins Cook Time: 20 mins Total Time: 35 mins

#### Ingredients

- > 8 ounce(s) pasta, penne, whole-wheat
- > 1 bunch(es) asparagus, trimmed and cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- > 1 1/2 cup(s) milk, whole
- > 4 teaspoon mustard, whole-grain
- > 4 teaspoon flour, all-purpose
- > 1/2 teaspoon salt
- > 1/2 teaspoon pepper, black ground
- > 2 teaspoon oil, olive, extra virgin
- > 3 tablespoon garlic, minced
- > 2 teaspoon tarragon, fresh, minced, or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- > 2 teaspoon lemon juice
- > 1/2 cup(s) cheese, grated Parmesan, divided

### Preparation

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 3 minutes less than the package directions. Add asparagus and continue cooking until the pasta and asparagus are just tender, 3 minutes more. Drain and return to the pot.
- 2. Meanwhile, whisk milk, mustard, flour, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant and lightly browned, 30 seconds to 1 minute.
- 3. Whisk in the milk mixture. Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly, and cook until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in tarragon, lemon zest and juice.
- 4. Stir the sauce into the pasta-asparagus mixture. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until the sauce is thick, creamy and coats the pasta, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup Parmesan. Divide the pasta among 4 bowls and top with the remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan.

