



## JERNEJ KITCHEN

# TORTELLINI STUFFED WITH MORTADELLA AND LOVAGE SAUCE

*Perfect for date night or as a starter for a fancy dinner.*

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| SERVES       | 2  | PEOPLE  |
| PREPARATION: | 30 | MINUTES |
| DOUGH REST:  | 20 | MINUTES |

### TORTELLINI STUFFED WITH MORTADELLA

200 g all-purpose flour

2 eggs

120 g mortadella sausage (cut on small chunks)

150 g cottage cheese or ricotta or mascarpone

salt, pepper

### LOVAGE SAUCE

1 handful of fresh lovage (or parsley or coriander)

50 ml vegetable oil

50 ml olive oil

100 ml milk

2 tbsp yogurt or buttermilk or sour milk

3 baby zucchini

### TOOLS AND EQUIPEMENT

bowl

stand mixer (optional)

immersion blender

fine sieve

pasta machine

saucepan

### PASTA DOUGH

In a large bowl (or in a bowl of a stand mixer) combine all-purpose flour and eggs. If you don't have a stand mixer you can knead this dough by hand on a lightly floured working surface. Knead on low speed for about 5 minutes or until the dough is nice and elastic. Place the dough into a plastic bag and place in the fridge for at least 20 minutes (or up to two days).

### TIP

[The basic pasta dough rule is: For every 100g of flour, add one egg.](#)

### MORTADELLA STUFFED TORTELLINI

Add mortadella sausage, cottage cheese (or for an ever creamier texture mascarpone and/or ricotta) to a bowl or a jar. Season with salt and pepper. Using an immersion blender blend the mixture until smooth and tasty. Set aside until needed.

### HERB OIL

Prepare the herb oil for the sauce. Blanch lovage (or parsley or coriander) and put it into a large jar with vegetable oil and olive oil. Blend using an immersion blender. Strain through a fine sieve to get rid of any excess lovage leaves. Set aside until needed.

### TIP

[To blanch, add lovage \(or coriander or parsley\) to a pot of boiling salted water. Cook for about 30 seconds, then remove immediately and place it to a bowl filled with ice cold water to stop the cooking process.](#)

### ROLL OUT THE PASTA DOUGH

Get your pasta machine ready and lightly dust a clean working surface. Remove the pasta dough from the fridge, cut it in half, use one half and store the other one in the plastic bag until needed, this way you will prevent the dough to dry. Roll out the dough using a pasta machine Set the pasta machine at its widest setting (usually nb.1) and roll the lump of pasta dough through it, fold the pasta in half and repeat the process until you get to number 5 (second to highest number).

**TIP**

If the pasta starts to stick, light dust your working surface.

**MAKE TORTELLINI**

Cut circles (about 9 cm / 3.5 inch in diameter). Place one teaspoon of filling in the middle of each round of pasta. Dip your kitchen brush in the bowl of water and run it along the edge of the round to moisten. Fold the dough over to form a half moon, then draw the two corners together to form a tortellini shape. Seal tightly.

**TIP**

At this point you can freeze your tortellini for up to a month.

**PREPARE THE SAUCE AND COOK TORTELLINI**

Pour milk and yogurt (or buttermilk or sour milk) into a saucepan. Place on the stove, season with salt and pepper and bring the mixture to a boil. Then remove from the heat and add about a half of lovage oil, stir to combine. Cook the tortellini in a boiling salted water for about 2 - 3 minutes.

**SERVE**

Thinly slice the baby zucchini. Serve tortellini stuffed with mortadella with thin zucchini slices and your lovage sauce. Optionally add some freshly grated parmesan cheese. Enjoy.