

PAPPARDELLE ALLA PORCELLINO

Serves: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. fresh or dried pappardelle
- 2 cups meat ragu (see recipe)
- 1 cup homemade or store-bought marinara sauce
- · 4 ounces unsalted butter
- · kosher salt, to taste
- fresh parsley, finely chopped
- · parmigiano-reggiano, for serving



METHOD

- 1. In a large pot of salted, boiling water, cook the pappardelle until al dente (timing will vary if using fresh vs. dried pasta).
- 2. Meanwhile in a large skillet, heat the meat ragu with the marinara sauce and butter until thoroughly combined and hot. Season to taste with salt.
- 3. Add the pasta to the ragu and toss to coat.
- 4. Plate the pasta onto a large serving dish or individual shallow bowls. Garnish with fresh parsley and a generous shaving of Parmigiano-Reggiano.





MEAT RAGU

Makes 1 quart (4 cups)

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz. pork butt, diced
- 2½ oz. pork neck
- 2½ oz. (about 1 link) sweet italian pork sausage
- 2½ oz. ground beef
- · 1 clove garlic, minced
- · 1 tbsp. olive oil, divided
- ½ tbsp. kosher salt
- ½ tsp.fresh cracked black pepper

- ¼ teaspoon fennel seed
- ¼ tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. dried oregano
- ¼ cup red wine
- ½ cups marinara sauce or canned tomato sauce
- 2 oz. tomato paste
- 1½ tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 fresh bay leaf

METHOD

- 1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add 2 tsp. olive oil. Add in the pork butt, neck and sausage and the ground beef. Cook, breaking up the meat, until browned.
- 2. Add in the garlic, oregano, fennel seed and sugar. Cook for 2 minutes; add in the salt and black pepper.
- 3. Deglaze the pan with the red wine; add in the vinegar and remaining 1 tsp. olive oil. Add in the marinara, tomato paste and bay leaf.
- 4. Bring the ragu to a rapid simmer, then turn heat to low. Simmer for 3 hours until flavors have fully developed and ragu has thickened.

PRO TIP: Add Parmesan rinds wrapped in cheesecloth to your meat ragu as it simmers for added depth.

