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linguine con pancetta e porro

LINGUINE WITH PANCETTA AND LEEKS

30 minutes | 4 to 6 servings

Fine sea salt

- 1 lemon
 - 2 large leeks (white and pale green parts only), sliced into ¼-inch rounds (about 3 cups), rinsed well
 - ¾ cup water
 - ¼ pound flat pancetta or slab bacon, cut crosswise into ⅛-inch-thick matchsticks
 - 1½ tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound linguine

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Using a sharp vegetable peeler or paring knife, cut zest from lemon, avoiding white pith. Thinly slice zest into strips. In a small saucepan of boiling water, blanch zest 30 seconds, then drain and set aside.

In a medium saucepan, combine leeks, ¾ cup water and ½ teaspoon salt; bring to a gentle simmer and cook until leeks are very tender, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium skillet, combine pancetta, oil and generous pinch pepper; cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until edges of pancetta begin to crisp, about 4 minutes, then stir in ⅔ of the zest; cook 1 minute more and remove from heat.

Transfer leeks and their liquid to a blender; purée until smooth.

Add pasta to the boiling water and cook until al dente. Drain and transfer to a large bowl; add leek sauce and pancetta mixture (including any oil in pan), and toss to combine. Adjust seasoning to taste. Serve immediately, garnished with remaining zest.