

# Avocado Pesto

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*A traditional Italian pesto is made from pureed nuts, olive oil, and herbs. Take the untraditional route with an avocado-based pesto, which yields a much smoother version worthy of tacos, vegetables, and the usual pasta.*

## Ingredients:

1 large ripe avocado, peeled, pitted, chopped  
½ cup fresh basil leaves  
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon black pepper  
4 to 6 tablespoons water, as needed

## Directions:

1) Combine all ingredients, except water, in a food processor; puree until smooth. With machine running, slowly add water to mixture until desired consistency is reached. Serve immediately or well chilled.