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Broccoli Rabe, White Bean, and Fontina Pasta

- 8 Ounces pasta, whole-wheat, fusilli, or whole-wheat shells or chiocciole
- 1 Bunch broccoli rabe, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 Cups broth, vegetable, or reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp flour, all-purpose
- 2 Tbsp oil, olive, extra-virgin
- 4 Cloves garlic, minced
- 19 Ounces beans, cannellini, rinsed
- 2 Tbsp vinegar, red wine, rinsed
- 1/4 Tsp salt
- 1/4 Tsp pepper, black ground
- 1/2 Cup cheese, fontina, shredded
- 2/3 Cup bread crumbs, fine, dry, optional
 - 1) Bring a large pot of water to a boil.
 - 2) Add pasta and cook, stirring occasionally, according to package directions. Stir in broccoli rabe (or spinach) during the last 2 to 3 minutes. Drain. Dry the pot.
 - 3) Whisk broth and flour in a small bowl until smooth.
 - 4) Heat oil in the pot over medium-high heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 30 seconds.
 - 5) Add the broth mixture and bring to a simmer, whisking constantly, until it thickens, 3 to 4 minutes.
 - 6) Add beans, vinegar, salt and pepper and the pasta and broccoli rabe (or spinach). Cook, stirring, until the mixture is heated through, about 1 minute.
 - 7) Remove from the heat; add cheese, stirring until it melts. Serve immediately, topped with Toasted Breadcrumbs, if using.

Makes 4 Servings

