Tuna Pasta Bake

Serves 5

- 1 T olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 400 g crushed tomatoes
- 185 ml chicken broth
- 1 T Italian mixed herbs
- 1 T tomato paste
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 425 g chunk tuna
- 200 g spiral pasta
- 150 g mozzarella, shredded
 (or 45 g panko sprinkled with salt and drizzled with olive oil)
- Basil for garnish



- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C
- 2. Cook pasta per direction minus 1 minute. Drain, set aside

Sauce:

- 3. Heat skillet over med-high heat. Add garlic and onion. Cook for 3 min. until golden
- 4. Add tomatoes, broth, herbs, salt and pepper, tomato paste. Stir, bring to simmer, lower heat to medium and simmer for 5 minutes until thickened.
- 5. Adjust **salt** to taste. Add **sugar** to taste.
- 6. Turn off stove, stir in pasta.
- 7. Add **tuna** and gently stir in. Don't break up tuna. Leave some chunks on the surface.
- 8. Drizzle with oil, top with cheese or panko (above), then bake for 20 min. until golden.
- 9. Sprinkle fresh **basil** on top.
- 10. Let stand for 3 minutes, then serve.

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