Pappardelle with leeks, sugar snap peas, and lemon

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Serves 2

Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper ¹⁄₄ stick unsalted butter ¹ medium leek (white and pale-green parts only) cut into thin halfmoons and rinsed well ¹ lemon ¹⁄₄ pound sugar snap peas, trimmed and (optional) cut in half crosswise

1/4 to 1/2 pound dried pappardelle or other flat egg noodles1/4 cup fresh ricotta cheese

1 once Pecorino Romano cheese (a little less than half a cup)



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- While bringing a large pot of salted water to a boil, melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add leeks and a pinch of salt; cook until leeks begin to soften and are bright in color, about 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium, and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until very tender, about 5 more minutes. Turn off heat. Finely grated lemon zest directly into skillet, and season generously with pepper.
- 2. When water boils, add sugar snap peas to boiling water, and cook until bright green, about 2 minutes. Transfer peas to a plate using a strainer.
- 3. Add pasta to boiling water, and cook until just tender, about 4 minutes (do not drain water). Transfer pasta to skillet using the strainer. Add sugar snap peas. Gradually stir in 1/2 cup pasta water, about ½ cup at a time, alternating with ricotta and half the Pecorino and tossing until pasta is coated and sauce is creamy.
- 4. Divide among 2 bowls, and top with remaining grated cheese.