



Garlic Butter Shrimp and Asparagus in 20 Minutes

The Sizzle That Started It All

The first time I made garlic butter shrimp, my kitchen smelled like a seaside bistro. The sizzle of butter, the punch of garlic—it hooked me instantly. Asparagus added a crisp freshness that balanced the rich shrimp. **Ever wondered how you could turn simple ingredients into something unforgettable in 20 minutes?** This dish proves fast food doesn't mean bland. Share your first kitchen love in the comments—was it garlic, butter, or both?

My Butter-Drenched Beginner Mistake

I once used frozen shrimp straight from the bag—soggy disaster.

Patting them dry changed everything. Crispy edges, juicy centers.

Home cooking teaches patience, even in quick meals. That tiny step matters. Now I keep paper towels by the stove. What's your "aha" cooking moment?

Why This Combo Works

– Garlic butter clings to shrimp, creating a glossy, flavorful coat. – Asparagus stays crisp, adding texture against tender shrimp. **Which flavor combo surprises you most—garlic-lemon or the optional red pepper kick?** Try both and tell me your pick.

A Dish With Roots

This dish nods to Mediterranean coastal cooking—simple, fresh, fast.

Did you know asparagus was a Roman delicacy? Farmers prized its quick growth. Today, it pairs perfectly with shrimp for modern ease. Vote below: team parsley or team cilantro for garnish?



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Ingredients:

Ingredient	Amount	Notes
Medium shrimp	1 pound	peeled and deveined (fresh or frozen)
Asparagus	1 bunch	trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
Unsalted butter	4 tablespoons	can substitute olive oil for a healthier option
Garlic	4 cloves	minced
Lemon juice	1 tablespoon	freshly squeezed for the best flavor
Salt and pepper	To taste	
Red pepper flakes	1/4 teaspoon	optional for a kick
Chopped parsley	As needed	or use cilantro for a different flavor profile

Quick Garlic Butter Shrimp & Asparagus

Step 1

See also Easy Crescent Roll Italian Stromboli

Gather all ingredients first. Rinse shrimp if frozen, then pat dry. Trim asparagus ends and cut into pieces. Dry shrimp sear better. (Hard-learned tip: Overcrowding the pan steams shrimp. Cook in batches if needed.) **Step 2** Melt half the butter in a hot skillet. Wait until it foams slightly. Add minced garlic, stir for 1 minute. Burnt garlic tastes bitter.

Step 3 Add shrimp in one layer. Season with salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes. Cook 2-3 minutes per side until pink. Flip once. **What's the sign shrimp are done? Share below!** **Step 4** Toss in asparagus, cook 5-7 minutes. Keep it crisp-tender. Remove from heat, stir in remaining butter and lemon juice. Garnish with parsley. **Cook Time:** 15 minutes **Total Time:** 20 minutes **Yield:** 4 servings **Category:** Dinner,

Seafood

3 Fun Twists to Try

Spicy Sriracha Swap red pepper flakes for 1 tbsp sriracha. Adds a sweet-heat kick. **Cheesy Finish** Sprinkle grated parmesan at the end. Melts into the garlic butter beautifully. **Veggie-Packed** Add sliced bell peppers or zucchini with the asparagus. More color, more crunch.

Which twist would you pick? Vote in the comments!

Serving & Sipping Ideas

Serve over fluffy rice or crusty bread. Both soak up the garlic butter. Add a side salad for freshness. Pair with chilled white wine or sparkling lemon water. Both cut through the rich butter. **Which would you choose tonight?**



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Storing and Reheating Tips

Keep leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 2 days. Reheat gently in a skillet with a splash of water to prevent drying out. For longer storage, freeze the shrimp and asparagus separately for up to 1 month. *Fun fact*: Asparagus stays crisper when frozen raw. Want to batch-cook? Double the recipe and freeze half for busy nights. Ever tried reheating shrimp in the oven? Share your tricks below!

See also [Creamy Slow Cooker Potato Gratin](#)

Common Issues and Fixes

Shrimp turning rubbery? Overcooking is likely the culprit. Cook just until pink and opaque. If asparagus is too tough, blanch it for 1 minute before adding to the skillet. Garlic burning? Lower the heat and stir constantly. Why this matters: Burnt garlic ruins the dish's delicate flavor. Stuck with frozen shrimp? Thaw them in cold water for 10 minutes first. What's your biggest shrimp-cooking struggle? Let's troubleshoot together!

Your Questions Answered

Q: Can I make this gluten-free? A: Yes! The recipe is naturally gluten-free. Just check labels on pre-packaged shrimp for additives. **Q: How far ahead can I prep this?** A: Chop asparagus and garlic up to 1 day ahead. Cook shrimp fresh for best texture. **Q: What's a good butter swap?** A: Olive oil works, but for richness, try ghee or avocado oil. **Q: Can I double the recipe?** A: Absolutely. Use two skillets or cook in batches to avoid crowding. **Q: What other veggies work here?** A: Try green beans or zucchini. Why this matters: Variety keeps meals



exciting!

Let's Connect!

Hope this dish brings a little sunshine to your table. Tag **@SavoryDiscovery** on Pinterest with your creations. Did you tweak the recipe? Tell me how—I love hearing your twists. Happy cooking!
—Elowen Thorn.