Spring Bruschetta with Peas & Pancetta

Serves 6

4 oz. pancetta, cubed
½ cup peas, fresh or frozen, thawed
Salt
½ cup whole-milk ricotta
16 baguette slices, toasted
Fresh basil leaves (torn if large)
About 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
Freshly ground pepper



- 1. Heat a skillet over medium heat and cook the pancetta until golden, about 4 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Set aside.
- 2. Have ready a bowl of ice water. In a small saucepan, cook the fresh peas in boiling salted water for 2 minutes, then dunk them into the ice water. Drain on paper towels. (If using frozen peas, cook for 30 seconds, rinse under cold water, and drain on paper towels.
- 3. Spread a layer of ricotta on the baguette slices and top evenly with the pancetta, peas, and basil.
- Drizzle with a little olive oil, sprinkle with some salt and pepper, and serve.
 *option Drizzle with Balsamic Vinegar