

The Team Behind the Cascatelli Pasta Shape Sensation Launches Two New Pastas
The Sporkful's Dan Pashman and American Pasta Maker Sfoglini Continue the Quest for Better Pasta Shapes

JANUARY 24th, 2023; COXSACKIE, NY; The Sporkful food podcast creator and host Dan Pashman and American pasta maker Sfoglini — the team that created *cascatelli*, the best-selling pasta sensation that amassed months-long waitlists and rave reviews when it launched last year — are bringing two little-known pasta shapes to the American market: ***quattrotini*** and ***vesuvio***.

Like *cascatelli*, *quattrotini* and *vesuvio* stand out from the well-worn shapes seen in most stores across the country, and push people to think more creatively about what elements truly make the best pasta eating experience. Bringing together Pashman's critical taste in pastas (which he documents in The Sporkful's award-winning [Mission: ImPASTable](#) series), with Sfoglini's superior pasta-making technique and deep knowledge of pasta history — *quattrotini* and *vesuvio* join *cascatelli* as pasta shapes that bring much-needed excitement and innovation to the American pasta landscape.

All three shapes are available for nationwide shipping on Sfoglini.com as Sfoglini's [The Sporkful Collection](#).

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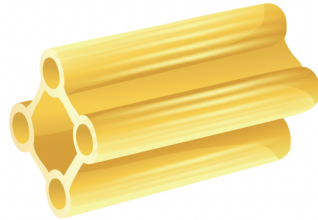
Launched last spring, *cascatelli* was the result of Dan Pashman's three-year quest to create the perfect pasta shape, which he defined as one that would maximize three qualities: forkability (how easy it is to get the pasta on the fork and keep it there), sauceability (how well the pasta shape holds sauce), and toothsinkability (how satisfying it is to bite into). Throughout his journey to invent a new shape and in the months since it launched, Pashman dived deeper into the world of pasta, learning about many satisfying shapes that are either little-known outside their corners of Italy, or simply not made in the US. He set out to unearth these under-appreciated shapes.

He found a natural partner in the team at Sfoglini, who have dedicated their career to studying pasta, and have made it their mission to create high-quality, American-made pasta that embraces Italian traditions. Since launching in 2012, Sfoglini has been working to familiarize Americans with less traditional shapes like radiators, zucca and trumpets, and the unique qualities they bring to the pasta-eating experience. Recently, in large part thanks to their partnership with Pashman to launch *cascatelli*, Sfoglini has seen the American appetite for more adventurous pasta shapes grow, creating the perfect opportunity for *The Sporkful Collection*.

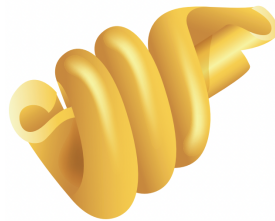
INTRODUCING QUATTROTINI + VESUVIO: THE SFOGLINI SPORKFUL COLLECTION

Perhaps one of the most elusive pasta shapes in existence, [quattrotini](#) (also known as cinque buchi, though Pashman and Sfoglini tweaked the original shape and changed the name for its

American launch) is served only once a year, during carnival, in one area of Sicily. Those few who are lucky enough to come across the shape would see four tubes connected in a four-sided rectangular shape. The *quattrotrini* version from Sfoglino and The Sporkful also adds ridges to the tubes, maximizing its sauceability.



Then there is [vesuvio](#), which caught Pashman's eye when he was developing cascatelli and became an obvious choice for this new collaboration with Sfoglino. Named for Mount Vesuvius and its likeness to a volcano shape, vesuvio is short and round with a large base that gradually spirals upwards to a thinner tip, allowing sauce to sink into the spirals. While this shape is found in the towns around Mount Vesuvius, it's harder to find in the US.



For more information on the story of creating these new shapes, listen to the latest installment of The Sporkful podcast's ongoing series, "Mission: ImPASTAble," which releases January 23rd.

[The Sporkful Collection](#) is available on Sfoglino.com beginning January 24th. Additionally, Sfoglino's Cascatelli by Sporkful is available in stores including Whole Foods, independent grocers and was recently released in Walmart stores nationwide, making it more accessible to consumers across the country than ever before.

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