College of Public Health and Human Sciences

Pesto Pasta Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3 cups baby spinach
- 1 (15 ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 8 ounce ball fresh mozzarella, cubed Salt and pepper to taste
- Grated parmesan cheese, for topping

Pesto:

- 1 pound whole grain rotini pasta, uncooked ¼ cup pumpkin seeds, lightly toasted in skillet
 - ½ cup packed fresh basil leaves
 - 1/4 cup packed fresh parsley leaves
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice (about 2 lemons)
 - 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1/3 cup olive oil

Directions:

Cook pasta according to package. In a large bowl, combine pasta, cherry tomatoes, spinach, chickpeas, and mozzarella. Pour toasted pepitas into food processor and add basil, parsley, lemon juice, garlic, and salt. Process while slowly drizzling in olive oil until smooth. Pour pesto sauce over salad, tossing to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste and top with parmesan. Oregon State University

Recipe adapted from cookieandkate.com

Nutrition Facts 12 servings per recipe Serving size 1 cup 290 **Calories** 6 Daily Value Total Fat 14g 18% Saturated Fat 4g Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 5mg 2% Sodium 210mg 9% Total Carbohydrate 33g 12% Dietary Fiber 2g Total Sugars 3g Includes 0g Added Sugars 0% Protein 12a Vitamin D 0mcg Calcium 114mg 8% 10%

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