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# **SUMMER PASTA SALAD**

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### **INGREDIENTS**

#### Pasta Salad:

1 lb. small to medium size pasta
1 zucchini, seeded and diced
1 yellow squash, seeded and diced
1 cucumber, seeded and diced
1 bell pepper, diced small
1/2 - 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
1/3 to 1/2 C parmesan cheese, optional
1/2 red onion, diced, optional

#### **Herbed Vinaigrette:**

1/4 C lemon juice or apple cider vinegar
4-5 cloves garlic, minced
1 Tbsp. honey
1-2 Tbsp. Italian Seasoning
1 tsp. Dijon mustard, optional
Pinch of red pepper flakes
Salt and pepper to taste
1/3 C olive oil

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Cook pasta according to directions to al dente. Drain and rinse under cold water.
- 2. In a large bowl, add your noodles, veggies, and cheese. Toss to combine.
- **3.** In a separate, small bowl, add everything for your vinaigrette except the olive oil. Whisk to combine.
  - While whisking, slowly start streaming in olive oil until thoroughly combined.
- 4. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed.
- **5.** Add dressing to pasta, stir to incorporate.
- **6.** Allow to stand for at least 30 minutes to overnight for flavors to develop.