Oil Free Italian Pasta Salad

Serves: About 6 Serving size: 2 cups Time: approx. 30 minutes

Ingredients

For Dressing:

- 2/3 cup water
- 2/3 cup white wine vinegar
- 2/3 cup cannellini beans
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 Tbsp onion powder
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

For Pasta Salad:

- 1 lb box of whole wheat pasta (suggestion: rotini)
- ¹/₂ pint cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- ¹/₂ large yellow bell pepper
- ¹/₂ head broccoli, finely chopped

- ¹/₂ tsp dried parsley
- ¹/₂ tsp dried basil
- ¹/₂ tsp dried oregano
- ¹/₂ tsp marjoram
- 1/8 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 Tbsp pure maple syrup
- fresh rosemary, as desired
- fresh thyme, as desired
- ¹/₂ large cucumber, chopped
- ¹/₂ red onion
- remaining cannellini beans from dressing + extra if desired
- optional: chopped fresh basil and/or nutritional yeast

Instructions

- Boil water & cook pasta. Set aside and let cool or do this step the night before and chill in fridge, covered, overnight.
- 2. Place dressing ingredients into blender. Blend well until creamy consistency achieved.
- 3. Mix all pasta salad ingredients together.
- 4. Stir in dressing (you may only need about ³/₄ of the dressing).
- 5. Store in refrigerator for no more than 5 days.

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