

Three Pepper Pasta Salad

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Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package tri-color pasta
- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- ½ cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

- 1 red bell pepper, julienned
- 1 yellow bell pepper, julienned
- 1 orange bell pepper, julienned
- 1 medium fresh tomato, chopped
- 1 (2.25 ounce) can black olives, drained
- 8 oz mozzarella cheese, cubed

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Place pasta in the pot, cook for 8 to 10 minutes, until al dente, and drain.
2. In a blender or food processor, blend the olive oil, white wine vinegar, basil, Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper until smooth.
3. In a large bowl, toss together the cooked pasta, dressing mixture, red bell pepper, yellow bell pepper, orange bell pepper, tomato, and olives. Top with mozzarella cheese to serve.

