# Pizza Pasta Salad

Source: Recipe by Lee Crosby, RD, LD

Find this recipe and more in The Vegan Starter Kit by Neal Barnard, MD.

# **About the Recipe**

255 Calories · 11 g Protein · 6 g Fiber Lunch

## **Ingredients**

#### Makes 12 Servings

- 16 ounces dry pasta
- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas or cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 large yellow or orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1 cup dry (not oil-packed) sun-dried tomatoes, thinly sliced (see note)
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives (measured whole, then sliced)
- 3/4 cup fat-free or light Italian dressing
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts

### **Directions**

- 1. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, toss the remaining ingredients in a large bowl, reserving 1 tablespoon pine nuts, if using.
- 2. When the pasta is cooked, rinse with cold water, drain, and immediately add to the bowl with the other ingredients.
- 3. Toss gently. Top with the remaining pine nuts, if using.

4. Note: If the sun-dried tomatoes are not moist, soak in hot water for 20 minutes and drain before adding to the pasta salad.

# **Nutrition Facts**

Per serving (1/12 of recipe)

Calories: 255 Protein: 11 g

Carbohydrate: 47 g

**Sugar:** 6 g **Fat:** 3 g

Calories from Fat: 9%

Fiber: 6 g

Sodium: 298 mg