Tuna-LESS Pasta Salad

PREP TIME

10 MIN

SERVINGS

8



TOTAL TIME

20 MIN

Ditch the tuna and embrace flavor! This vibrant vegan pasta salad bursts with protein-rich chickpeas, zesty aromatics, and a creamy vegan dressing. Perfect for potlucks or anytime!

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COOK TIME

10 MIN

	Ingredients	Directions a Plant Based Life.com
	•1 (16oz Package) of Favorite Noodles (Bow Tie/Farfalle, Shells, Elbow, etc.)	 Prepare noodles. For perfectly al dente noodles in your pasta salad, cook them according to the package instructions, minus 1-2 minutes. This ensures they retain their shape won't become mushy as they absorb the dressing. Rinse noodles under cold water until chilled, then set aside.
2	•1 (15oz) Can Chickpeas	 Drain and rinse can of chickpeas. Remove any visible detached husks. Pour into mixing bowl and mash with fork until large chunks are gone.
3	•1 Small Red Onion •3 Ribs Celery	Dice onion and celery and add to mixing bowl.
4	 •1 C Vegan Mayo •¼ C Nutritional Yeast •1 tsp Dijon Mustard (or preferred mustard) •1 tsp Old Bay Seasoning •1 tsp Natures Seasons (or salt & pepper to taste) 	 Add mayo, mustard and seasonings to bowl and mix well until fully incorporated. Taste and add more mayo and spices as desired.
5	•1 C Frozen Peas	Gently thaw frozen peas in colander under water. Once thawed add to bowl and gently fold together.
	TO SERVE •Salt & Pepper (to taste)	 For the best flavor, let the pasta salad sit for at least 15 minutes before serving. This allows the flavors to meld together beautifully. Perfect For A Potluck: Best enjoyed the day it's made for optimal freshness. However, leftovers will keep well in the refrigerator for several days. The noodles will soak up some of the dressing as the salad sits. Reserve a bit of extra mayo to add before serving, if needed, for optimal creaminess.