

# pesto pasta



gluten-free



sugar-free



soy-free



2 servings



Ingredients:

#### Pasta:

**200 g** gluten-free or regular pasta **a big pinch** of salt water

### Cashewgianno:

100 g (10 Tbsp) raw cashews 3 g (1 tsp) garlic powder 3 g (1 tsp) onion powder 3 g (½ tsp) salt 15 g (3 Tbsp) nutritional yeast 5 ml (5 g/1 tsp) lemon juice

## Pesto:

8 g (2 medium-sized) garlic cloves 20 g (2 Tbsp) pine nuts 3 cups (60 g) basil leaves 50 g (7 Tbsp) cashewgianno 60 ml (60 g/4 Tbsp) good quality olive oil salt

#### **Toppings:**

basil leaves cashewgianno good quality olive oil

### Intructions:

- 1. Start by making cashewgianno. Place 100 g of raw cashews in a chopper cup of a blender and add to it garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and nutritional yeast.
- 2. Blend it all very well.
- 3. Transfer it into a bowl, add lemon juice and mix it all. Best is to use hands to massage the lemon juice in, so there are no lumps.
- 4. To make the pesto peel two garlic cloves and ground them in mortar and pestle with a pinch of salt.
- 5. Add pine nuts and crush them, mixing with the garlic paste.
- 6. Add in basil leaves and ground it all with a rotary movements until it falls apart. It might take a second, but it's worth it!
- 7. Add in 50 g of the cashewgianno and mix it all.
- 8. In the end, add olive oil and mix everything one more time.
- 9. Once the pesto is ready cook the pasta. Add a generous pinch of salt into the water and once it's boiling add pasta.
- 10. Once the pasta is cooked and drained place it back into the pot or a bowl and add the homemade pesto. Mix it well. You can add more olive oil if needed.
- 11. Serve it with some leftover cashewgianno and add some good olive oil.

# Notes & tips:

- 1. Make sure you use fair-trade and organic cashews if possible.
- 2. You can use immersion blender to make the pesto instead of mortar and pestle but it might not be as flavorful.
- 3. The recipe for pesto asks for more cashewgianno than needed to make a pesto so you can also use it as topping. There might be some leftover still, but it's so good, I am sure it will be gone in no time! If you are not sure, just make a bit less. :)
- 4. If you want you can heat the pasta up with the pesto quickly, but make sure it's just for a few seconds, so the pesto stays flavorful.
- 5. Cook the pasta while making the pesto to save some time.

