

Pasta Primavera

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INGREDIENTS

- = 1 lb. penne pasta (gluten-free variety if needed)
- = 2 tablespoons butter
- I medium zucchini (ends cut off) quartered and cut into ½ chunks
- ½ cup grape tomatoes, sliced in half
- I red onion thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, cut into strips (2"long)
- = 1 red bell pepper cut into strips (2" long)
- 1 bunch asparagus cut into 2-inch pieces (NOTE: break tough ends off the asparagus first; the

woody end will automatically snap off in the right place)

- 5 garlic cloves peeled and smashed (if preferred, you can also use 1/8 tsp of garlic powder in place of each clove)
- = 1 tablespoon dried Italian herb seasoning
- = ¼ cup olive oil
- = 2 tsps salt
- = 2 tsps pepper
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a gallon-sized plastic storage bag, toss all the veggies, olive oil, herbs, salt, and pepper until well coated. Spread evenly onto two foil-lined cookie sheets.
- 2. Roast at 450 degrees for 20 min., turning veggies halfway through cooking time.
- 3. Cook pasta according to package directions. Make sure to generously salt the water and add 2 tsps. of olive oil to the water before bringing it to a boil and putting in the pasta. This will add flavor to the pasta and keep it from sticking together.
- 4. Before draining your cooked pasta, reserve ½ cup of the hot pasta water and set aside.
- 5. Drain pasta and toss with butter.
- 6. Add roasted veggies to the pasta and then stir in reserved pasta water to combine.
- 7. Toss shredded parmesan cheese throughout, or sprinkle on top to serve.