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Kale, Cashew, & Fresh Herb Pesto

Makes 2 cups of pesto - Serves 4

Kale, cashews, and herbs make for a delicious and hearty pesto. The cashews do double duty by substituting for both the cheese and the pine nuts usually found in a classic pesto. Plenty of fresh basil, parsley, and kale pack a punch of healthy greens. This just might be our new favorite way to enjoy kale!

Ingredients:

1 bunch of kale, about 2 cups of de-stemmed leaves
1 cup parsley leaves
1 cup basil leaves
1/2 cup cashews
2 cloves garlic
1 cup olive oil
zest and juice of one lemon (about 1/4 cup juice)
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/4 cup cold water, as needed to thin

1 lb pasta, cooked according to package instructions cherry tomatoes, halved ciliegine mozzarella balls, halved

Directions:

- 1. Blend all of the pesto ingredients together in a food processor. Drizzle in additional olive oil until the pesto is smooth. Add water to thin, as needed.
- 2. Stir the fresh pesto with cooked pasta.
- 3. Top with the halved tomatoes and mozzarella. Serve immediately.