Italian Pasta Salad

**INGREDIENTS:**
1. 1 pound spiral whole wheat pasta, cooked
2. 2 Tablespoons Italian seasoning
3. 1 Tablespoon Dijon (or regular) mustard
4. 4 teaspoons sugar
5. 3/4 cup white vinegar
6. 1 cup vegetable oil
7. 1 quart diced fresh seasonal veggies such as carrots, cucumber, zucchini, summer squash, cherry tomatoes cut in half
8. ¼ cup onion, diced

**NUTRITION FACTS:**
- **Serving Size:** ½ cup
- **Servings:** 20
- **Cook Time:** 15 minutes
- **Preparation Time:** 30 minutes
- **Chill Time:** 1 hour or more

**DIRECTIONS:**
1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
   Drain and chill in fridge for an hour or more.
2. While pasta is cooking, crush Italian seasoning in a medium bowl with the back of a spoon.
3. Add the mustard, sugar and vinegar. Mix well.
4. Add the oil last. Stir well to blend.
5. Refrigerate for an hour or more.
6. Wash and cut veggies.
7. Put pasta and veggies in a large bowel. Stir dressing well. Then add and mix well.

**RECIPE TIPS:**
- Change it up! Try a different whole grain pasta, like shells or macaroni.
- **Try something new!** Instead of Italian, try using a different Healthy Shelves dressing recipe, like Homemade French or Creamy Garlic.
- Try frozen or canned, drained veggies instead.
- Add tuna, chicken or drained and rinsed canned kidney beans for more protein.

**EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**
- Large pan
- Large and medium bowl
- Knife
- Measuring Cups and Spoons

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