**Pizza Pasta Salad**

Active Time: 1 hour Inactive Time: 0 minutes Total Time: 1 hour

Ingredients

* 1/4 cup Olive Oil
* 1 cup Fresh Basil
* 4 cloves Garlic
* 2 cups Marinara Sauce (I like Bertolli's Olive Oil, Basil, and Garlic)
* 1-12 oz package pasta (I like the fun look that colored radiatore gives it)
* 16 oz Mozzarella Cheese
* Pepperonis (I like Volpi Gourmet Pepperonis)

Method

1. Prepare the pasta according to package directions. Drain and cool (to prevent the Mozzarella cheese from clumping) While it is cooking . . .
2. **Make the sauce:**In a blender, combine olive oil, basil, garlic, and marinara sauce. Blend until smooth.
3. Grate the mozzarella cheese, and chop the pepperonis into bite-size pieces
4. In a large bowl, combine prepared pasta and sauce. Add pepperonis and mozzarella cheese, stir to combine.
5. Serve cold or at room temperature. Most importantly, enjoy!