# **BUTTERNUT SQUASH PASTA**

Egg-Free, Vegetarian

**Yield:** 4 servings **Total time:** 40 minutes

## Ingredients

- 3 cups butternut squash, chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 12 ounces orecchiette pasta
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1/4 red onion, chopped
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup feta or goat cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1/2 cup fresh mint, chopped
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the squash on the sheet and drizzle with 1 tbsp olive oil and season with pepper and paprika. Roast for 20-25 minutes or until the squash is tender and golden brown around the edges.
- 2. Cook the pasta according to the package directions, or until al dente. Drain and transfer to a large bowl.
- 3. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a skillet over low heat. Add garlic and red onion. Stir and cook for 2-3 minutes until cooked, but not burnt. Remove from heat and drizzle over cooked pasta. Add lemon juice and toss. Add roasted squash, cheese, nuts, mint, toss again and serve.



### **Grocery List**

- Butternut squash
- Olive oil
- Pasta
- Garlic cloves
- Red onion
- Lemon
- Feta cheese
- Chopped nuts
- Fresh mint
- Paprika & Black pepper

# Kitchen Equipment

- Baking sheet
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Pot
- Colander
- Large bowl
- Skillet
- Tongs

Per serving: Calories 366; Total Fat: 18g; Saturated Fat: 4g; Sodium: 256mg; Total Carbohydrates: 58g; Fiber: 6g; Protein: 10g

## Ingredient/Prep tip

- May substitute pasta for gluten-free pasta if you have celiac disease or are gluten-intolerant
- May substitute feta cheese for dairy-free cheese or leave the cheese out if you are dairy-free or vegan
- May add additional ingredients like canned beans, chicken, shrimp, ground turkey or salmon

#### **Nutrition Information**

- Butternut squash is a type of winter squash and is part of the cucurbitaceae family. The taste is fairly mild, somewhat sweet, and a bit nutty. Its flavor may remind you of a cross between a sweet potato and a carrot or turnip.
- Butternut squash has thick, tough skin. To peel cut a thin slice off
  the bottom and top so the butternut squash will stand flat on a
  cutting board. Then use a knife or peeler to slice the skin off from
  the top to the bottom. Always cut away from your body. To cook
  try boiling, roasting or add it to soup.
- Squash is low in fat and calories and is a great source of fiber, vitamins (A, and C) and minerals (magnesium, potassium, and calcium).
- Health Benefits:
  - o It's a great hydrator: One serving is roughly 87% water
  - It's good for your immunity and excellent for your eyes: It contains beta-carotene and alpha-carotene which your body converts to vitamin A, which is important for the immune system and can help protect your eyes.
  - o It can help control blood sugar levels and blood pressure