Creamy Avocado Basil Pasta

Plant-Based • Oil-Free Option • Ready in 20 Minutes

Ingredients (Serves 2):

- 6 oz whole wheat or gluten-free spaghetti
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled and pitted
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2–3 tablespoons water (to thin sauce)
- Optional: Cherry tomatoes, red pepper flakes, pine nuts for topping

Instructions:

- 1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
- 2. In a food processor or blender, combine avocado, basil, lemon juice, garlic, nutritional yeast, salt, and pepper. Blend until creamy, adding water a little at a time until desired consistency is reached.
- 3. Toss warm pasta with sauce until fully coated.
- 4. Serve topped with halved cherry tomatoes, fresh basil, and optional pine nuts or chili flakes.

Nutritional Highlights (per serving):

• Calories: 410

• Fiber: 9g

• Protein: 12g

Healthy Fats: 20g (mostly from avocado)

Rich in: Potassium, Folate, Vitamin E

