

Sesame Noodles

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Servings: 2

Ingredients:

12 oz whole wheat spaghetti

1 bunch broccoli, cut into florets, stalks peeled and thinly sliced

2 red bell peppers (ribs and seeds removed), thinly sliced

1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup creamy peanut butter

1 Tbsp brown sugar

2 Tbsp rice vinegar

1 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce

1 Tbsp toasted sesame oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp red pepper flakes, or to taste

Steps:

- In a large pot of boiling water, cook spaghetti 3 minutes less than al dente. Add broccoli, bell peppers, and onion. Cook until pasta is al dente, about 3 more minutes.
- Remove from heat and drain pasta and vegetables, reserving $\frac{1}{2}$ cup pasta water.
- While pasta and vegetables are cooking, in a large bowl whisk together peanut butter, sugar, rice vinegar, soy sauce, oil, garlic, and red pepper flakes.
- Add hot pasta and vegetables, tossing to coat. Thin sauce with pasta water, a little at a time, if necessary (sauce thickens as it cools).
- Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Tips from the Test Kitchen: Natural peanut butter works well. Experiment with whatever vegetables you like – cabbage, cauliflower, pea pods, and carrots would also work well.

<u>Nutritional Facts</u>: Calories: 568, Carbohydrates: 84 grams, Protein: 22 grams, Total Fat: 20 grams, Saturated Fat: 4 grams, Cholesterol: 0 mg, Sodium: 460 mg, Fiber: 14 grams, Total Sugars: 20 grams.