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INGREDIENTS

- 150g pasta
- ½ red onion
- 80g mushrooms
- 1 pepper (red/yellow/green)
- 1 tablespoon **vegetable oil**
- **Pepper**
- 30g **walnuts** (do not add in for soft food option)
- 2 tablespoons homemade pesto

Practical tip: This could be made in bulk (multiply recipe up) so you can then grab it and take it for lunch if you are going to an appointment, class or work.



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FOR HEALTHIER BALANCE

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METHOD

- 1)Pre-heat the oven to 180°c.
- 2)Chop the vegetables up into big pieces, place in roasting tin and cover with the vegetable oil and pepper and mix well.
- 3) Put into the oven and cook for 10 minutes
- 4) After 10 minutes add in the walnuts and start the cooking the pasta return to oven for a further 10-15 minutes.
- 5)Put the pasta in a pan of boiling water and cook for 12-15minutes or as per packet instructions
- 6)Drain the pasta and remove vegetables from the oven when they are done
- 7) Mix the vegetables into the pasta
- 8) Add two tablespoons of the homemade pesto into the pasta and mix together.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION PER PORTION

ENERGY: 608 KCAL **FATS:** 32.8q

PROTEIN: 17.2g

CARBOHYDRATES: 65.2q OF WHICH SUGAR 2.4q

FIBRE: 7.8a



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