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# Vegetable Orzo Pasta Salad

## Description

This is a great side dish for parties or for your Thanksgiving feast.

Total time: 40 min   Yield: 12 Servings

## Ingredients

18 cup water  
salt  
16 oz orzo pasta  
2 cup asparagus (ends trimmed and cut into small rounds, keep tips whole)  
2 cup zucchini (small diced)  
2 cup broccoli florets (small diced)  
3 clove garlic (minced)  
1 cup red pepper (small diced)  
1 cup cherry tomatoes (quartered)  
2 lemons (large; zested)  
1 cup parmesan cheese (freshly grated)  
1 cup pesto  
pepper

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Fill a large stockpot with water and bring to a boil, add salt to taste. Next add the orzo to the boiling water and cook for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes add the asparagus, zucchini, broccoli, garlic, red and yellow peppers, to the pasta and cook for an additional 3 minutes. Drain pasta and vegetables into a strainer. In a large bowl mix the cooked pasta and vegetables along with the tomatoes, lemon zest, Parmesan cheese and pesto. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve warm, room temperature or cold. This is a great side dish for parties or for your Thanksgiving feast.

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