

Mediterranean Pasta Salad

things you need

2/3 cup
olive oil

3 tbsp
red wine vinegar

1/4 cup
chopped fresh basil (or 1 tsp dry basil)

2 tbsp
chopped green onions

2 tbsp
Parmesan cheese

1 1/4 tsp
pepper

12 oz
rotelle pasta (cooked and drained)

1 each
red, yellow and green peppers (cut into thin strips)

1
medium tomato, cut into bite-size cubes

1/4 cup
pine nuts, toasted

1/4 cup
black olives, pitted

8 oz
feta or mozzarella cheese

1/4 tsp
oregano, dried

here's how

1. Process oil, vinegar, 2 tbsp basil, green onion, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper in a blender until smooth.
2. Put pasta, bell pepper strips, tomato wedges, nuts and olives in a large bowl. Pour in dressing; toss to mix.
3. Roll cheese cubes in remaining 2 tbsp of basil to coat. Add to salad; sprinkle with oregano. Toss lightly. Serve at room temperature.