## VEGAN VEGETABLE FAJITA PASTA



### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 300g (3 cups uncooked) pasta
- 3 peppers
- 2 big handfuls of mushrooms
- 1 large courgetti
- 1 large onion
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée
- 1 carton of passata (around 4 cups)
  - Substitute Options: chopped tomatoes OR tomatoes paste OR tomato puree
- Fajita Seasoning (from a packet) or see recipe below in "Directions"
- Olive oil
- 2-3 tablespoons vegan cream cheese (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. If making your own seasoning, combine in a bowl: 2 teaspoons of cumin, 2 teaspoons paprika, 2 teaspoons garlic powder, 1 teaspoon chili powder, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pepper. Adjust the amounts to taste.
- 2. Peel, slice up the onions, deseed, and slice the peppers. Chop up the mushrooms and courgetti.
- 3. In a bowl, drizzle the vegetables with olive oil and coat them with the seasoning.
- 4. Add in the vegetables and cook for 5-10 minutes until softened.
- 5. Stir through a tablespoon of tomato purée for a minute.
- 6. Add in the tomato passata or chopped tomatoes.
- 7. Optionally stir in the vegan cream cheese until melted.
- 8. Allow to gently simmer for 10 minutes.
- 9. Meanwhile, cook the pasta per pack instructions.
- 10. When it is all cooked, drain the pasta and stir into the vegetables and sauce.
- 11. Serve!

#### **BALANCING MEAL IDEAS:**

- Add tofu or veggie-based chicken/beef to increase protein intake
- Add edamame to increase protein intake
  Add other stir-fried veggies, such as: broccoli, cabbage, spinach, etc....

# NOTES:

• Makes 4 servings Reference: https://studenteats.co.uk/recipe/vegan-vegetable-fajita-pastarecipe/#google\_vignette