

# Winter Vegetable Bowl

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An easy and healthy winter vegetable bowl with brown rice, beets, butternut squash, Brussels sprouts, kale and maple mustard dressing.

Prep Time 15 minutes
Cook Time 23 minutes
Total Time 38 minutes

Servings 4 Servings Author Linda Meyer

### **Ingredients**

1 cup uncooked short grain brown rice

1 large beet

1 butternut squash

1 lb Brussels sprouts

4 cups kale

Drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil optional See Note

Sea salt and black pepper to taste

#### Dressing

1/4 cup water

2 garlic cloves

2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar

2 tbsp Dijon mustard

1 tsp pure maple syrup

1/4 tsp ground thyme

Sea salt and black pepper to taste

#### **TOPPINGS**

Green onions chopped Roasted cashews chopped Basil leaves

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°F (204°C)

Peel and cube the beets and butternut squash (remove seeds) into bite size pieces. Slice the ends off of the Brussels sprouts and slice in half.

Evenly spread the vegetables on a large rimmed baking pan. Use two pans if you run out of room. Lightly drizzle the olive oil (see note) over the vegetables and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Roast for approximately 45 minutes (toss the vegetables half way through roasting), or until they are caramelized and fork tender.

While the vegetables are roasting, cook the rice according to the instructions on the package.

While the rice is cooking, make the dressing.

#### Maple Mustard Dressing

In a blender, add the water, garlic, vinegar, mustard, maple syrup, thyme and salt and pepper and blend until smooth and creamy, approximately 1 minute.

#### Build the bowls

Put the rice in a large bowl and put the vegetables on top. Toss with the dressing and divide into four bowls. Garnish with the green onions, cashews, and basil leaves.

#### **Recipe Notes**

The olive oil is optional. It will give the vegetables a nice crispy exterior but the flavor will be the same.

The Nutrition Facts are an estimate only.



## CREAMY GREEN LEEK AND PEA PASTA











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SERVINGS TIME 25 min

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 stalks green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 large leek, green tops removed, tailed, halved, washed, thinly sliced\*
- 1 jalapeño, de-seeded, minced
- 1 large head broccoli, outer fibrous layer of stem removed, chopped into small pieces, green tops cut into florets.
- 1 tsp (5 g) salt

1½ cups (225g) frozen peas

3 cup (100g) frozen spinach

1/2 tsp dried basil

14 tsp dried oregano

¼ tsp dried mint (optional)

- 4 cups (400 g) fussili pasta, or other pasta of choice (GF if desired)
- 1 cup (250 mL) plant-based cooking cream\*
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice (the juice from about 1/2 a lemon)

## **Optional Garnish**

Lemon wedges Fresh basil leaves

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1. Cut the stem off the head of broccoli. Cut away the fibrous outer layer of the stem. Chop the remaining stem into bite-sized pieces. The green tops of the broccoli can be cut into small bite-sized pieces.
- 2. To a large pot on high heat, add the olive oil, and when hot, add in the garlic, green onion, leek, jalapeño, broccoli stems, and salt. Note, the salt here helps to draw the water our of the veggies, which helps it all cook faster. Cook this for 5 minutes, or until the leeks become soft and translucent.
- 3. Then add the peas, spinach, basil, oregano, and mint, cooking for another 5 - 6 minutes.
- 4. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to the package instructions, adding the broccoli florets in the last couple minutes. Just before draining it all, scoop out ½ cup (120 mL) cooking water from pasta and add to the veggie pan. Then drain the pasta and broccoli florets.
- 5. Add the cooking cream to the veggie pot, and stir to combine. You can leave this pasta sauce chunky as is, or make it smooth by blending it all up using an immersion blender or standing blender. We chose to blend about half of ours with an immersion blender, making it partchunky and part-smooth.
- 6. Add the pasta and broccoli to the sauce, along with the lemon juice, and toss to coat.
- 7. Serve while hot, alongside some lemon wedges and garnished with fresh basil leaves.

#### NOTES

- \* Variations: if you don't have leek, you can substitute this for 1 or 2 medium onions, finely chopped. If you don't have plant-based cooking cream, you can try using full-fat coconut milk.
- **Storage:** store in an air-tight container in the fridge for up to 3 days.

