

## **LEMON HERB PESTO PASTA**

Makes 2 Servings

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 oz pasta, your choice, cooked per package directions (we used Kite Hill Dairy Free Tortellini)
- 1 cup shelled peas (about 1 lb pea pods)
- ½ cup fresh basil leaves, finely chopped
- ¼ cup fresh mint leaves, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp fresh oregano, finely chopped

- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped raw cashews
- 2 tsp lemon zest, about 1 lemon
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp 1/4 cup olive oil
- ½ tsp salt, or to taste
- ½ tsp pepper, or to taste
- Lemon wedges, optional

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain, set aside.
- 2. Place peas in a small saucepan, add about ¼ cup of water. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Continue to simmer for 6 minutes, or until peas are bright green and tender. Drain and set aside.
- 3. In a small bowl, toss together fresh herbs, garlic, cashews, and lemon zest. Add lemon juice and 2 Tbsp of the olive oil. Drizzle in more oil if desired, until pesto reaches your desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Toss cooked pasta with herb pesto and peas. May be served hot or cold, with a wedge of lemon.