



Creamy Italian Pasta Salad



1½ c uncooked penne pasta (approximately ½ lb.)

¼ c finely chopped green pepper

1 c chopped or mini pepperoni

½ c sliced olives

¾ c shredded mozzarella cheese

¼ c chopped red onion

1 c mayonnaise

1 t dry Italian dressing mix (taken from packet of Italian dressing mix)

salt and pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions for tender noodles (usually 12-13 minutes). Rinse in cold water. Stir in pepper, pepperoni, olives, cheese, and onion. In separate bowl, combine mayonnaise and dry Italian dressing mix. Stir into salad. Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate until well-chilled. Serve cold. Serves 4-6.