

## DECONSTRUCTED PESTO PASTA SALAD

1 lb. bowtie pasta, cooked, drained, and rinsed  
2 cups shredded, cooked chicken  
1 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped  
1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted  
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
1 cup diced white or yellow onion  
3/4 cup chopped Kalamata olives  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste



Combine the pasta, chicken, basil, pine nuts, cheese, onion, and olives in a large bowl and stir to mix.

In a separate bowl or large mixing cup, combine the lemon juice, garlic, olive oil, salt, and pepper and whisk well to combine. Pour dressing over salad and mix well to coat.

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