

## **Pasta with Chickpeas**

Prep: 10 minutes | Cook: 35 minutes | Total: 45 minutes

Yield: 3 servings | Serving Size: ~1½ cups

## **Ingredients**

2 tablespoons oil

3 cloves garlic, minced (about 1½ teaspoons)

3 tablespoons no-salt-added tomato paste

1 (15.5-ounce) can no-salt-added garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed

1 cup diced zucchini

1 cup whole-wheat short pasta (e.g. elbows, orzo, small shells, rotini), uncooked

1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes

2 cups water

Crushed red pepper flakes, to taste, optional

## **Directions**

- 1. Heat a large sauté pan or saucepan (pot) over medium heat.
- 2. Add the oil and heat until shimmering.
- 3. Add the garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until it becomes lightly browned, about 1-2 minutes.
- 4. Stir in the tomato paste, scraping up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan.
- 5. Add the chickpeas, zucchini, pasta, diced tomatoes with their juice, and water.
- 6. Increase the heat to high and bring to a boil.
- 7. Reduce the heat to a simmer.
- 8. Cook until the pasta is tender and much of the liquid has been absorbed, about 15-20 minutes.
- 9. Serve warm, adding the crushed red pepper flakes as desired for additional spice.

## **Recipe Notes**

Pairs well with a garnish of grated parmesan and/or fresh chopped basil on top.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 300 | Total Fat: 11.5 g | Saturated Fat: 1.5 g | Sodium: 200 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 43 g | Dietary Fiber: 9.5 g | Protein: 11 g

