

## This Dill Pickle Pasta Salad Is the Cool, Creamy Side Dish You Didn't Know You Needed

Love pickles? You're going to be obsessed with this



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### INGREDIENTS

12 oz pasta (rotini, bow tie, or shells work great)

1 cup diced dill pickles

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup diced red onion

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup diced celery

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup diced red bell pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped fresh dill

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup mayonnaise

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup pickle juice

2 tbsp Dijon mustard

Salt and pepper to taste

Ingredient Swaps & Additions:

Pasta: Gluten-free or whole wheat options work great.

Mayo Alternative: Use Greek yogurt or a half-and-half mix of mayo and sour cream.

Add Protein: Toss in chopped hard-boiled eggs, grilled chicken, or even shredded cheddar.

Extra Crunch: A handful of sunflower seeds or diced cucumber adds even more texture.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

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**Toss Everything Together**Pour the dressing over the pasta mixture and toss well to coat all the ingredients evenly.

**Chill**Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving to let the flavors blend.

**Serve**Give it one final toss, taste, and adjust salt or pepper if needed. Garnish with extra dill if desired.

**Tips for Success:**

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**Use Real Dill:** Fresh dill elevates this dish from good to unforgettable.

**Serving Suggestions & Pairings:**

Grilled burgers, hot dogs, or barbecue ribs

Walking Taco Bar for casual gatherings

A cool, fruity drink like Blueberry Lemonade

A slice of Pumpkin Spice Muffins for contrast

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**Refrigerate:** Store in an airtight container for up to 3-4 days.

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20. **A Light :** Tangy Chicken Salad - mayo-free and protein-packed
21. **These :** Chicken Enchiladas - great for dinner after a picnic lunch
22. **Blueberry :** Lemonade - the ultimate pairing for salty, tangy dishes
23. **Pumpkin :** Spice Muffins - a sweet touch to round out your spread
24. **Walking :** Taco Bar - make it a party!
25. **Final Thoughts:** This Dill Pickle Pasta Salad is bright, bold, and a total flavor bomb that brings something different to your summer table. It's easy to make, easy to love, and even easier to devour. If you're someone who always adds extra pickles to your burger, this is your dream dish in salad form.

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