

# MARINATED SUMMER SQUASH WITH PICO DE GALLO

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## Squash

2 large yellow squash, ends trimmed 1 red bell pepper, sliced in thin julienne unrefined sea salt to taste 1/2 red onion, sliced in thin julienne1/2 tsp dried oregano1 tsp extra virgin olive oil

- 1. Using a mandolin with the blade set for shredding, cut the squash into thin strips.
- 2. Add the onion, bell pepper, and oregano.
- 3. Add a small amount of salt and olive oil.
- 4. Gently toss the mixture to distribute the ingredients (take care not to break the strands of squash).

#### Pico de Gallo

2 large, ripe tomatoes2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and diced, then minced juice of 1 limeextra virgin olive oil

1 small white onion, diced fine 1 Tbsp fresh cilantro, roughly chopped unrefined sea salt

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl.
- 2. Add a small amount of oil and season lightly with salt. Toss the mixture to combine well.

#### **Presentation**

- 1. Using your hand, pick up a good amount of the squash mixture and twirl it on the plate to create a mounded base for the Pico de Gallo.
- 2. Top the squash with the Pico de Gallo, and garnish with fresh oregano, cilantro, or a lime wedge.

# **RAW MARINARA TOMATO SAUCE**

By Kim Wilson, author of Everyday Wholesome Eating...In the Raw

# **Ingredients**

12 sun-dried tomatoes

4-5 pitted dates

1 clove garlic

1 Tbsp lemon juice

1/2 tsp oregano

Optional: pinch of cayenne

2-3 fresh tomatoes

1/4 sweet red onion

1/4 cup olive oil

1 tsp unrefined sea salt

1 tsp dry basil or 1/2 cup fresh

## **Directions**

## Prep:

- 1. Presoak sun-dried tomatoes and dates in water for at least 1 hour before using.
- 2. Reserve soak water. Soak water is used for flavor and to create desired consistency.

### For smooth sauce:

- 1. Puree all ingredients together in a blender, except herbs.
- 2. Mix in herbs and soak water and allow to sit for at least 1 hour before serving.

## For chunky sauce:

- 1. Coarsely chop fresh tomatoes in food processor then put aside in a bowl.
- 2. Process rest of ingredients along with soak water as smooth as possible, then mix into bowl with tomatoes.
- 3. Allow to set for at least one hour before serving.

### For thicker sauce:

Leave out 1/4 cup soak water.

You can substitute 3 cups of cherry tomatoes or 5-6 Roma tomatoes for the 2-3 fresh tomatoes.

Pour over veggie pasta or thinly sliced zucchini.

