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Smoked Mozzarella Pasta Salad

Yield: Makes 6 servings

- 1 (6-ounce) jar marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 (8-ounce) package rotini pasta, cooked
- 1 (7-ounce) jar roasted red bell peppers, drained and cut into strips
- 1/2 pound smoked mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes*
- 1/2 (4.5-ounce) can chopped green chiles, drained
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Drain artichokes, reserving marinade. Cut artichokes into strips, and place in a large bowl. Add pasta and next 4 ingredients, and gently toss. Stir together reserved artichoke marinade, mayonnaise, and next 3 ingredients until blended. Add to pasta mixture, stirring to combine. Cover and chill.

*1/2 pound smoked Gouda or Cheddar cheese may be substituted for smoked mozzarella, if desired.