

Italian Sausage, Pepper & Onion Kabobs

Prep: 35 minutes

Grill: 20 minutes • Serves: 6

- 2 pounds Italian sausage links, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 package (16 ounces) whole white mushrooms, stems removed
- 2 green bell peppers, each cut into 1½-inch pieces
- 1 large onion, cut into 1½-inch pieces
- 1½ cups Italian dressing
- 12 (10-inch) metal or bamboo skewers
- 34 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup refrigerated basil pesto
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper

- 1. Prepare outdoor grill with half for direct grilling over medium-high heat and half for indirect grilling. Place sausage in large zip-top plastic bag. Place mushrooms, bell peppers and onion in separate large zip-top plastic bag. Pour ½ cup dressing into each bag; seal bags, pressing out excess air. Refrigerate 15 minutes.
- **2.** Meanwhile, soak skewers (if using bamboo) in water 15 minutes. In small bowl, whisk mayonnaise and pesto until combined. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 1 cup.
- **3.** Remove sausage and vegetables from marinade; discard marinade. Alternately thread sausage, mushrooms, bell peppers and onion onto skewers. Sprinkle kabobs with salt and pepper. Place kabobs on hot grill rack over direct heat; cook, uncovered, 8 minutes, rotating kabobs a quarter turn every 2 minutes.
- **4.** Transfer kabobs to indirect heat; cook, covered, 12 to 16 minutes longer or until internal temperature of sausage reaches 160°, basting occasionally with remaining ½ cup dressing and rotating kabobs a quarter turn every 3 to 4 minutes. Serve kabobs with mayonnaise mixture.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 768 Calories, 73g Fat (33g Saturated), 95mg Cholesterol, 1718mg Sodium, 23g Carbohydrates, 2g Fiber, 22g Protein