

A Traditional Family Picnic

Cantaloupe and Bocconcini Salad with Mint

Serves 4 Total time 15 minutes

1 ripe cantaloupe 8 ounces bocconcini (small mozzarella balls) 2-3 thin slices ham or prosciutto, cut into strips 1 T. fresh lemon juice Coarse salt and fresh ground pepper ¼ c. torn mint leaves

- 1. Scoop the cantaloupe into 1-inch balls with melon baller. (You should have about 3 cups)
- 2. In a large bowl, combine the cantaloupe balls, bocconcini, ham, lemon juice salt and pepper.
- 3. Toss the salad with the mint and serve immediately.

Heirloom Tomato Salad with Garlic Oil

Serves 4 Total time 20 minutes

3 T. extra-virgin olive oil 3 small garlic cloves, thinly sliced lengthwise 2 pounds heirloom tomatoes, halves, and quartered Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper ½ bunch chives, cut into 1-inch pieces (1/4 c.) ¼ c. fresh basil, leaves torn if large

- 1. Heat oil and garlic in a small sauté pan over medium-low heat. Cook until garlic is golden, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and let cool.
- 2. Arrange tomatoes on a serving platter and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with the garlic oil and sprinkle with chives and basil just before serving.

Bok Choy, Carrot, and Apple Slaw

1 pound baby Bok Choy, halved lengthwise

Coarse salt and fresh ground pepper

- 1 apple peeled and cut into matchsticks. (I did not peel mine)
- 2 large carrots, shredded
- 3 T. fresh lemon juice
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 1 t. finely grated peeled fresh ginger
 - 1. Rinse the bok choy under cold water to remove grit. Cut crosswise into thin strips; Place in a large colander and sprinkle with 1 t. salt. Toss to coat.
 - 2. In a large bowl, mix apple, carrots, lemon juice, oil and ginger. Add Bok Choy; season with salt and pepper.

Black Bean Salad

1 package (81/2 oz.) corn bread/muffin mix prepared as directed

2 cans (15 oz.) pinto beans rinsed and drained

2 cans (151/2 oz) whole kernel corn, drained

1 can black beans (15 oz.) rinsed and drained

1 medium green pepper, chopped

1 medium red pepper, chopped

1/2 cup chopped onion

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients except corn bread together

Dressing:

1 cup sour cream

1 cup mayonnaise

1 envelope Fiesta ranch dressing mix

Add dressing and corn bread broken into bite size pieces just before serving. The cornbread will get soggy if added too soon.