## FOR THE LOVE OF SALAD

SERVINGS: 4 | SERVING SIZE: 2 CUPS | TIME: 15 MIN | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Celebrate **Wear Red Day** with us by eating salad that promotes heart health using red ingredients. Red quinoa provides heart healthy fiber, pomegranate seeds serve up antioxidants, and shelled edamame provides healthy fats and plant-based protein.

#### **SALAD INGREDIENTS**

4 Cup Shredded Radicchio Lettuce

1 Cup Shredded Red Cabbage

1 Cup Mixed Grated Carrots

1Cup Shelled Edamame

1 Cup Cooked Red Quinoa

Optional Add-ins: Sliced Mango and/or Pink Pineapple
Optional Toppings: Sunflower Seeds, Pomegranate Seeds

#### **SALAD DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In a large bowl, mix the radicchio lettuce, red cabbage, edamame, carrots, and quinoa.
- 2. Decorate with optional ingredients, such as sunflower seeds, pomegranate seeds, etc.

#### **DRESSING INGREDIENTS**

2 Tbsp Sesame Oil

3/4 Cup Canola Oil or other neutral-tasting oil

2 Tbsp Rice Vinegar

2 Tbsp Soy Sauce

2 Tbsp Orange Juice

2 Tbsp lime Juice

#### **DRESSING DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Whisk together the rice vinegar, soy sauce, orange juice, and lime juice.
- Whisk in the sesame oil and canola oil (or other neutraltasting oil) slowly to make an emulsion.

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## **GREENS**

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## **VEGGIES**

Add vegetables for additional texture and flavor. For fresh and light, add one or two "crunchy" items, and a spicy or juicy item of your choosing. For a hearty salad, pile on the roasted veggies. Choose as many as you like.

## **GRAINS**

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### **PROTEIN**

Adding a protein source is essential for lasting fullness because protein helps us feel fuller for longer. This can keep us from snacking later in the day due to residual hunger. Choose 1 or mix-and-match.

### **TOPPINGS**

A small amount goes a long way with toppings: whether they are crunchy, salty, oily, sour, creamy, or sweet. The key to toppings is to have fun with them and to pick complimentary flavors. Choose 1-3.

### **DRESSINGS**

Choose your dressing based on the flavor profile of your salad. Be conscientious about how much dressing you use so as to not overpower the other flavors – use just enough so you get a little in each bite.

Use our guide to build a nutritious, filling salad. Recipes below for inspiration. (Ingredients on the salad bar!)

#### SPINACH CRAN-FETA SALAD

spinach or spring mix

ucumber

guinoa

roasted chicken or garbanzo beans (or both!

feta cheese

dried cranberries

sunflower seeds

healthier dressing: olive oil + balsamic vinegar (make your own

#### SPICY CHICKEN AND GREENS SALAD

chopped romaine

shredded carrots

cucumber

red onion

farro

picy breaded chicke

shredded cheddar

healthier dressing: olive oil + red wine vinegar (make your own indulgent dressing: ranch

#### **VEGETARIAN EDAMAME SALAD**

spring mix

shredded carrots

edamame

sunflower seed

mandarin oranges

healthier dressing: olive oil + red wine vinegar (make your own)



#### **GREENS**

romaine spinach spring mix arugula

### **GRAINS**

quinoa farro corn

#### **PROTEIN**

roasted chicken spicy breaded chicken salmon shrimp tofu grilled beef edamame

## **VEGGIES**

crunchy:
snap peas
cucumbers
bell peppers
shredded carr

oroccoli cauliflower

spicy: radishes raw onion

roasted: grilled asparagus roasted mushrooms roasted cauliflower

juicy: grape tomatoe artichokes beets

## **TOPPINGS**

crunchy: croutons French onions sunflower seeds pumpkin seeds

salty and sour: tear drop peppers peppadew peppers dry cured olives pleu cheese olives marinated feta

weet: ried cranberries nandarin orange:

cheeses: feta pleu cheese shredded chedda

## **DRESSINGS**

make-your-own:
olive oil + red wine vinegar
OR

house-made: balsamic white balsamic italian french buttermilk ranch WHAT'S
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## **DATE COCOA TRUFFLES**

SERVINGS: 16 | SERVING SIZE: 1 TRUFFLE | TIME: 15 MIN | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Finally, a fudgy, delicious truffle that's good for you (but we promise it doesn't taste like it!). Sweet, nutrient-dense Medjool dates are used as a natural sweetener, while dark cocoa is rich in health-promoting antioxidant compounds that help ward off inflammation.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1C pitted Medjool dates, preferably soft and moist (try soaking in boiling water), firmly packed (about 9 dates)

1/2 C unsweetened cocoa powder, plus an additional 1/4 cup cocoa powder for rolling

11/2 tsp vanilla extrac

1/4 tsp fine sea salt

½ tsp cinnamor

Optional: for Mexican Truffles, add 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Place dates in a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse dates several times to make a paste. Add cocoa powder, 2 tablespoons
  warm water, vanilla, and salt. To make Mexican Truffles, add cinnamon and cayenne. Pulse until mixture is smooth and forms a ball. (If
  the mixture needs a little more moisture to come together, add 1-2 more teaspoons of water).
- Remove the chocolate mixture from the processor and transfer to a bow
- 3. Put 1/4 cup cocoa powder in a shallow bowl. Using 1 tablespoon of truffle mixture for each ball, shape balls between the palms of your hands. Place truffles on a plate. (If the mixture seems sticky, refrigerate until well chilled before rolling.) Roll each ball in cocoa powder after shaping and return to the plate. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

## **MEDITERRANEAN BOWL**

SERVINGS: 2 | TIME: 35 MIN | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

This colorful Mediterranean Bowl is packed with nutrition to optimize your health and carry you through your day. Meals with protein, fiber and healthy fats keep you fuller for longer, and this bowl is brimming with all three, featuring:

- 3 healthy protein sources: quinoa, edamame, salmon
- 3 healthy fats: plain Greek yogurt, pepitas, edamame
- . 9 grams of fiber: raspberries, pepitas, edamame, beets, quinoa.

#### **BOWL INGREDIENTS**

- 1C cooked quinos
- Two 6 oz fresh salmon filets
- · 4 beets, red or golder
- ½ C shelled edamame, frozen (look for a brand that has no added ingredients)
- 1/4 C pomegranate seeds
- ¼ C pepitas
- 2 T extra virgin olive oil or avocado oil divided

#### **BOWL INGREDIENT DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400 F and line 2 sheet pans with parchment paper.
- Wash beets under cold water and pat dry with kitchen towel. Cut off the top and bottom stems. Using a vegetable peeler, peel the beets.
- Drizzle with olive oil and a little salt, wrap with aluminum foil. Pop in the oven and set a timer for 45 minutes.
- 4. On your second sheet pan lined with parchment paper, drizzle a small amount of plive oil.
- 5. Place salmon onto the lined sheet pan, skin side down. Rub filets with 1 tablespoon olive oil and a pinch of salt.
- 6. Bake salmon for 12-15 minutes, or until cooked through.
- Remove beets from the oven after 45 minutes, or until fork tender. Let coo and dice into bite-sized pieces.



## **GREEK YOGURT DRESSING**

SERVINGS: 2 | TIME: 10 MIN | DIFFICULTY: EASY

The beautiful colors in this dish that represent Breast Cancer Awareness Month (hello pink dressing!) reflect a high amount of phytochemicals. These are the hundreds of health promoting compounds found in fruits, veggies, legumes and whole grains.

#### **DRESSING INGREDIENTS**

- ½ C plain Greek yogurt (full fat, 5% fat, or 2% fat all work great)
- ¼ C fresh raspberries
- 1½ tsp chopped fresh mint
- 1 T skim mil

#### **GREEK YOGURT DRESSING DIRECTIONS**

- While the beets are roasting, blend the raspberries with 1 teaspoon of water to make a puree.
- In a small mixing bowl, mix the Greek yogurt, chopped fresh mint, skim milk and raspberry puree. Use a silicon spatula if you have one.
- 3. Cover and place in the refrigerator to cool for at least 10 minutes.

## **ASSEMBLE THE BOWL**

- 1. Defrost the edamame according to package directions
- 2. Divide quinoa evenly into two bowls. Top each bowl with 6 oz salmon, 1/4 cup warm shelled edamame, 1/4 cup roasted beets, 1/8 cup pomegranate seeds and 1/8 cup pepitas.
- 3. Grab the dressing out of the refrigerator. Top each bowl with up to 1/2 cup of dressing.
- 4. Have one bowl for lunch and save the other for later. Enjoy!