Winter Kale Salad with Orange Tahini Dressing



Because kale is hearty, this salad will keep well in the fridge. Raw kale is quite tough and fibrous, but a quick "massage" will yield tender leaves. Feel free to sub your favorite veggies, nuts and seeds, or cheese.

YIELD	PREP TIME	TOTAL TIME
5 SERVINGS	15 MIN	45 MIN

INGREDIENTS

For the Roasted Sweet Potatoes:

- 1 eachSweet Potato, medium dice (about
12 oz)1 TbspOlive Oil1 tspGarlic Powder1 tspSmoked Paprika½ tspOnion Powder
- ¹/₄ tsp Kosher Salt

For the Orange Tahini Dressing:		
¼ cup	Tahini	
1 each	Orange, zested and juiced	
2 Tbsp	Apple Cider Vinegar	
2 tsp	Dijon Mustard	
2 tsp	Maple Syrup	
1 tsp	Garlic Powder	

For the Salad:

8 cups	Kale, destemmed and chopped
	(about 10 large leaves)
1 each	Granny Smith Apple, diced
⅓ cup	Dried Cranberries, reduced sugar
1 cup	Pecans, toasted and chopped
¼ cup	Feta Cheese

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Gather all necessary equipment and ingredients. Prepare all ingredients as described above. Preheat the oven to 400°F and line a half sheet tray with parchment paper or foil.
- 2. <u>Prepare the roasted sweet potato</u>: Add the diced sweet potato to a medium mixing bowl with 1 Tbsp olive oil and the spices. Toss to coat then transfer to the prepared sheet tray.
- 3. Bake until the sweet potatoes are lightly browned and tender, about 20 25 minutes. Toss halfway through for even browning.
- 4. <u>Toast the pecans</u>: heat a small skillet over medium-high heat and add the seeds. Stir occasionally until fragrant, about 3-4 minutes. Pay close attention as they can go from toasted to burnt very quickly. Transfer the toasted pecans to a bowl and allow to cool before chopping.
- 5. Prepare the salad dressing by adding all dressing ingredients to a small bowl. Whisk to combine. If needed, add water, one tablespoon at a time, to reach a pourable consistency.

- 6. <u>Assemble the salad</u>: Add the chopped kale to a large bowl. Using clean hands, massage the leaves until the kale becomes tender and darkens in color, about 1-2 minutes.
- 7. Add the roasted sweet potatoes, dried cranberries, pecans, feta, and the dressing to the bowl with the kale. Toss to combine and enjoy!

Nutrition	Facts	
5 servings per container Serving size 2 cups dress	ed salad (304g)	
Amount Per Serving Calories	460	
	% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 27g	35%	
Saturated Fat 4g	20%	
<i>Trans</i> Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 5mg	2%	
Sodium 380mg	17%	
Total Carbohydrate 49g	18 %	
Dietary Fiber 10g	36 %	
Total Sugars 14g		
Includes 4g Added Sugars	8%	
Protein 12g	24%	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%	
Calcium 250mg	20%	
	20%	
Iron 3.6mg Potassium 470mg	20% 10%	
* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.		

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