

Apple, Blue Cheese & Walnut Salad



A bright and tangy balsamic vinaigrette is the perfect dressing for this salad featuring a classic combination of crisp apple, bold blue cheese, and toasted walnuts.

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INGREDIENTS

For the Balsamic Vinaigrette:

½ cup	Extra Virgin Olive Oil
¼ cup	Balsamic Vinegar
1 Tbsp	Dijon Mustard
1 Tbsp	Honey
1 tsp	Garlic Powder
½ tsp	Thyme, dried
½ tsp	Oregano, dried
½ tsp	Salt, Kosher
To taste	Black Pepper, ground

For the Salad:

8 cups	Mixed Greens, any variety
1 each	Apple, any variety, sliced thin
⅓ cup	Blue Cheese, crumbled
⅓ cup	Walnuts, toasted, chopped

CHEF'S NOTES

This salad dressing used a 2 to 1 ratio of olive oil to vinegar, resulting in fewer calories, a lighter mouthfeel, and a more vibrant, zingy flavor. Leftover dressing will keep for up to a week in the refrigerator. Allow to come to room temperature and give the jar a shake before using.

Other fruits, cheeses, and nuts or seeds can be swapped into this simple salad to suit your tastes. Some other tasty combos to try:

- Strawberry, goat cheese, & pistachio
- Mandarin, feta, & pecan
- Grapes, brie, & sunflower seeds

DIRECTIONS

1. Gather all ingredients and equipment. Prepare all ingredients as described above.
2. In a small container with a lid (such as a jar), combine all ingredients for dressing. Shake well to combine and set aside.
3. To assemble the salad: place the greens in a large bowl and top with the sliced apples, dried cherries, blue cheese, and toasted nuts.
4. Right before serving, toss with about 1/3 cup of the vinaigrette.

Nutrition Facts

8 servings per container

Serving Size 1 cup dressed salad (82 g)

Amount per serving

Calories 140

% Daily Value *

Total Fat 11g 14%

Saturated Fat 3g 15%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 10mg 3%

Sodium 200mg 9%

Total Carbohydrate 7g 3%

Dietary Fiber 2g 6%

Total Sugars 4g

Includes 0g Added Sugars 0%

Protein 4g 8%

Vitamin D 0.05mcg 0%

Calcium 90mg 7%

Iron 1mg 6%

Potassium 200mg 5%

*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.

