

Cobb Salad-in-a-Jar with Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Makes 4 salad jars, quart-size

Enjoy this variation of a classic combination of flavors in a hearty, main entrée-style salad. We've added a few more ingredients that almost shift it to a Chef's Salad profile. A piquant dressing awaits at the bottom to top it all off in a delectable fashion when up-ended. Plan the salad's profile in these delicious layers:

Layer 1: Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Makes about 2 cups Whisk ingredients together; place 2-3 tablespoons at the bottom of each jar. 1 cup buttermilk 3/4 cup prepared mayonnaise 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar 1 clove garlic, crushed 2 teaspoons dried chives 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 1/2 teaspoon Dijon Mustard 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 3-4 drops of Tabasco sauce

Layer 2: Sturdy Veggies

1 pint grape tomatoes, halved 1/4 medium red onion, thinly sliced

Layer 3: Tender Veggies

1 medium cucumber, sliced into half moons 1 avocado, 1/2-inch dice 1/2 lime, freshly squeezed, toss with the avocado chunks

Layer 4: Protein

4 boiled eggs, thinly sliced 4 oz. smoked turkey, 1/2-inch dice 4 oz. smoked ham, 1/2-inch dice 8 oz. bacon, cooked, then crumbled 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese 1/2 cup blue cheese, crumbled

Layer 5: Leafy Greens

1 romaine heart, leaves torn

Directions:

Whisk the dressing ingredients together vigorously until well blended. Prepare the ingredients for the other layers. In quart-sized jars, or in other lidded glass containers, add the layers in the listed order and add a seal-tight lid. Chill until ready to enjoy.