

Simple Spring Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette

Serves 2 - 4

Embrace spring in style with this fresh salad! Butter lettuce is ever so tender, and pairs perfectly with asparagus, peas, mint, radishes, and savory bacon crumbles. A bright, mustard vinaigrette completes this fresh, spring green salad.

Salad Ingredients:

- 1 head of butter lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces
- 5 stalks fresh asparagus, diagonally cut into thin slices
- 4 radishes, thinly sliced
- 8 slices bacon, cooked until crispy, and crumbled
- 1 cup frozen peas

Dressing Ingredients:

- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint, minced

Directions:

- 1. Fry the bacon in a skillet until crispy. Remove the bacon from the pan, drain on a paper-towel lined plate, and set aside.
- 2. Drain most of the rendered bacon fat from the pan. Add peas to the skillet and heat for 1-2 minutes.
- 3. Prepare the lettuce, asparagus, and radishes and place in a large salad bowl. Add the peas and bacon crumbles.
- 4. Mix the dressing ingredients in a small bowl or container with a whisk. When ready to serve, drizzle the dressing onto the mixed salad ingredients, and toss until evenly distributed. Enjoy immediately.