Orzo Arugula Salad

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Yield: Makes 10 servings (5.5 oz)

Active time: 20 minutes Total time: 1 1/2 hours



Arugula has a rich peppery taste and can be eaten raw or cooked. Try Arugula in place of your favorite lettuce, but is especially tasty in salads, on sandwiches, or as a pesto. Arugula is from the cruciferous family, an antioxidant powerhouse, and is loaded with vitamin A, vitamin K and folate. It is also a good source of zinc, potassium, calcium and iron.

Ingredients

- ½ pound orzo
- 1 15 oz. can cannellini beans (rinsed)
- Juice of 1 lemon, or to taste
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 1 (12 ounce) jar marinated roasted bell peppers, drained and chopped or marinated sundried tomatoes
- 4 ounces crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 4 cups chopped baby arugula leaves (2 1/2 ounces)
- 2 cups chopped radicchio (2 1/2 ounces)
- Fresh Parsley, chopped

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F with rack in middle.
- 2. Roast pine nuts in a rimmed sheet pan until golden, about 8 minutes.
- 3. Cook orzo in a 6- to 8-quart pot of boiling salted water until tender, then drain well in a colander.
- 4. Meanwhile, whisk together lemon juice, mustard, oil, garlic, oregano, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl.
- 5. Add hot orzo to dressing and toss. Let orzo come to room temperature, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Add pine nuts, peppers, feta, arugula, and radicchio and toss well.
- 7. Season salad with fresh parsley and additional lemon juice, if desired.





^{*} Orzo salad can be made 2 hours ahead and kept at room temperature. Leftovers can be chilled but the salad is at its best when made fresh and not refrigerated.