

# Crowd-pleasing chickpea and carrot salad

This flavourful, colourful salad can be enjoyed any time of year. It's sure to be an instant hit at any picnic or potluck. Pack the salad and dressing separately. Toss together just before digging in.



Vegetarian



30 mins or less



No-cook



PREP TIME  
10 min



COOK TIME  
0 min



SERVINGS  
6

## Ingredients

- 1 English cucumber, chopped
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) chopped fresh dill or 2 mL (1/2 tsp) dried dill weed
- 2 carrots, peeled and grated
- 1 can (540 mL/19 oz) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 500 mL (1 pint) grape tomatoes, halved lengthwise
- 60 mL (1/4 cup) chopped fresh basil
- 45 mL (3 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) basil pesto
- 10 mL (2 tsp) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 mL (1/4 tsp) fresh ground pepper

## Directions

1. In a deep 1.5 L (6 cup) bowl, toss cucumber with dill and spread out over bottom of the bowl. Layer with carrots, chickpeas and tomatoes. Sprinkle basil over top. Cover and refrigerate for up to 1 day.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, pesto, oil, garlic and pepper. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve salad.
3. Just before serving, drizzle dressing over salad and toss to combine and coat.

## Tips

- ✓ **Little chefs** can help assemble the layers of vegetables for this salad.
- ✓ Switch up your legumes. Replace the chickpeas for **kidney** or **black beans**.
- ✓ **Mix it up.** Experiment with different veggies. Ask your family to choose their favourite ones.
- ✓ Make this salad ahead of time, and you'll have a satisfying lunch filled with **protein and fibre**.
- ✓ Try using less of the ingredients that are high in added sodium, sugars or saturated fat. Adding salt or sugars directly to your recipe? Remember, a little often goes a long way.

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