



12 Simple Salad Recipes

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Healthy Cooking Enthusiast,

Let's be honest; we all could stand to eat better-for-you foods. It is often too easy to cheat on your diet because sugary, salty, and cheesy foods are incredibly tempting. If you find it difficult to say 'no' to unhealthy food, then you need this healthy eCookbook!

This brand new eCookbook, 12 Simple Salad Recipes, will provide you with the best healthy salad recipes to keep your weight-loss goals a reality. Toss your boring lettuce and tomato salads away because these healthy green salads and deli salads are so much better. Using only fresh ingredients and incredible flavor combinations, these salads will keep you healthy and happy. Perhaps you'd like to try our Grilled Lemon Chicken Quinoa Bowls on page 5, or maybe you'd like to try our Steakhouse Side Salad on page 7. Another option would be to make our reader-favorite No-Mayo Tuna Salad on page 16. With this collection of healthy salad recipes, you'll have so many amazing recipes to choose from.

Make a few of these healthy salad recipes and discover the delights of following a healthy diet. You won't be disappointed with any of these easy healthy recipes because they're simply the best recipes around. To have these recipes ready when you need them, be sure to save this healthy salad recipes eCookbook. We suggest you print it out and keep it handy in your kitchen.

Happy healthy eating!

Sincerely,

The Editors of FaveHealthyRecipes

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HEALTHY GREEN SALADS

GRILLED LEMON CHICKEN QUINOA BOWLS

BY: <u>IENNIFER FROM RICOTTA AND RADISHES</u>



These Grilled Lemon Chicken Quinoa Bowls are served with mixed greens, shredded carrots, and mint-scented quinoa. You've never had a salad recipe like this one. Our favorite part of this healthy salad recipe is the grilled lemon chicken. This full-of-flavor grilled chicken will never be dry or boring. It'll be absolutely amazing every single time. We recommend that you make this healthy recipe as soon as possible because everyone will love it. You can serve it for a quick lunch or a light dinner.

Serves: 2

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa
- leaves from 1 sprig fresh mint, finely chopped
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded between two sheets of parchment to an even thickness
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano

- juice and zest from 1 lemon
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups baby greens or lettuce
- 1 cup shredded carrot
- ½ cup vinaigrette salad dressing

- 1. Cook the quinoa according to package directions. Fluff with a fork, season with salt and pepper, and stir in the mint. Set aside.
- 2. Combine the chicken in a shallow dish or a resealable plastic bag with the oregano, lemon juice and zest, green onions, and olive oil. Marinate and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, then discard marinade.
- 3. Coat a cast-iron grill pan with cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat. Season the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Add to the pan and cook, undisturbed, for about six minutes on each side or until done. Transfer chicken to a cutting board and let it rest five minutes before slicing.
- 4. Divide the greens and carrots among two serving bowls. Top each with a few spoonfuls of the quinoa and arrange the chicken on top. Pour the dressing over each and serve immediately.



CRISPY RED CABBAGE SALAD

BY: PETRO FROM CREATIVE HOMEMAKING



Get a great, nutritious meal on the table that the whole family will love with this easy-to-make Crispy Red Cabbage Salad. This salad combines fresh veggies and a homemade honey mustard sauce to create a delicious meal. The salad can be served as a light dinner if you're not feeling particulary hungry. You could also serve this salad as a healthy side dish because it would perfectly complement any main dish. Another option would be to make this salad and bring it along to a picnic or potluck. Everyone will appreciate having a healthy salad to lighten up their meal.

Ingredients

For the Salad

- 1 head butter lettuce
- ½ red bell pepper, diced
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 2 cups red cabbage, chopped
- 1 cup unsalted pumpkin seeds

For the Honey Mustard Sauce

- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 10 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Wash vegetables and roughly chop the butter lettuce.
- 2. Mix all vegetables in a large bowl and add pumpkin seeds.
- 3. Make the honey mustard sauce by mixing mustard and honey together. Add lime juice, vinegar, oil. Mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste and mix well.
- 4. Pour the sauce over the salad and mix to coat.



STEAKHOUSE SIDE SALAD

BY: CRYSTAL FROM SIMPLY PLAYFUL FARE



This Steakhouse Side Salad tastes exactly like the salad you'd find at your favorite steakhouse. Made with healthy vegetables, Gorgonzola cheese crumbles, and your favorite salad dressing, this salad will be anything but boring. Best of all, you can prepare everything ahead of time. Simply chop your veggies and store them in the fridge. Then when you're rushed for time, you can throw everything together and enjoy. This would also be a great lunch because you can pack it up, take it with you, and enjoy! It's a worry-free lunch because you won't have to find a microwave to heat it up!

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 package spring lettuce mix
- ½ yellow pepper
- 4 radishes, sliced thin
- 6 baby carrots
- ½ tomato
- ¼ cup Gorgonzola cheese crumbles
- salad dressing of choice

- 1. Add two cups of spring mix to each bowl.
- 2. Chop the radishes, carrots, and peppers. Slice the tomatoes. Add equally to each bowl.
- 3. Top with the cheese crumbles, evenly distributed.
- 4. Add your favorite dressing and enjoy!



MASON JAR SALADS

BY: FAVEHEALTHYRECIPES TEST KITCHEN



If you're always looking for a quick, healthy, on-the-go lunch, these Mason Jar Salads can't be beat. By mastering the technique of layering dressing first, then sturdy vegetables, then green leaves on top, these easy salads never get soggy. Pour the remnants into a wide bowl and toss lightly, or shake it a bit and eat this salad straight from the jar.

However you prefer to eat it, these simple salad recipes can be made ahead of time and enjoyed all throughout the week. Healthy doesn't get any easier or more beautiful than this. Look at all of those great colors!

We're giving you three different Mason jar salad combinations, so you can decide which one you're going to try first. You can try our Chef salad, Italian salad, or Asian salad. Each salad is nutritious and delicious in its own unique way. We hope you enjoy trying each of these Mason jar salad recipes.

Ingredients for the Chef Salad

- Greens: iceberg lettuce
- Protein: ham cubes and hard-boiled eggs
- Add-ins: zucchini and carrot
- For Crunch: green onion
- Dressing: homemade or store-bought Ranch

Ingredients for the Italian Salad

- Greens: mixed baby greens
- Protein: mozzarella
- Add-ins: cherry tomatoes and olives
- For Crunch: croutons
- Dressing: homemade balsamic vinaigrette (1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar, ½ teaspoon Dijon, ¼ teaspoon garlic)

Ingredients for the Asian Salad

- Greens: baby spinach
- Protein: chicken
- Add-ins: mandarin oranges and dried apricots
- For Crunch: almonds
- Dressing: homemade ginger soy (1 tablespoon vegetable oil, 1 tablespoon rice vinegar, ½ teaspoon minced ginger, ¼ teaspoon sesame oil)



Instructions

- 1. If you are making your own dressing according to the suggestions above, put those ingredients into the jar first, cover and shake to mix. Or simply spoon 2 tablespoons of your favorite prepared dressing into the jar.
- 2. Always put the dressing in first, then layer softest things next, like mushrooms or fresh fruit. They will "marinate" in the dressing.
- 3. After that, put in proteins and add-ins, then pack in the greens you have chosen. Put crunchy things in last the greens will keep them away from any juices and dressing so they stay crunchy. If you like, sprinkle salt and pepper on top where it will sit until you mix the salad.
- 4. Put the lid on and pack the salad in a cooler or store in the refrigerator until ready to eat. Shake the jar and turn it upside down to mix the dressing with the other ingredients. Enjoy right from the jar or tip out onto a plate.

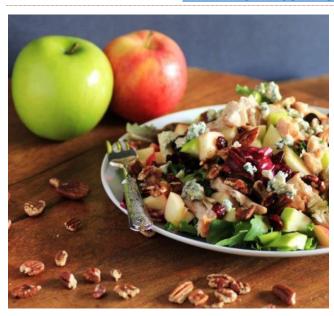
Note: These are just suggestions; you can use whatever you have on hard or include only your favorite ingredients. Mason jar salads are easy and convenient, especially because you can tailor them to what each diner likes best. They may be made up to 24 hours ahead of time.





WENDY'S APPLE PECAN CHICKEN SALAD

BY: TARA FROM NOSHING WITH THE NOLANDS



On a warm afternoon, it's nice to cool off with a big, fresh salad. Wendy's Apple Pecan Chicken Salad is perfect for that occasion. This healthy copycat recipe is packed with tons of flavors and crunch. It features a delightful combination of tart green apples, comforting roasted chicken, sweet cranberries, and blue cheese. This salad makes an appetizing, satisfying meal, but you won't feel too full after indulging in it. Top it with your favorite light dressing, and you will not be disappointed in the result!

Serves: 1

Ingredients

For the Salad

- 2 cups romaine lettuce, torn
- 2 cups mixed greens
- 100 grams cooked chicken
- ¼ cup roasted pecans
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese
- ½ green apple, chopped
- ½ gala apple, chopped

For the Dressing

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons pomegranate juice
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ¼ cup olive oil
- salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. For the dressing, mix ingredients together in a jar and shake well. Set aside.
- 2. To make the salad, lay out the romaine lettuce on a large dinner plate. Then top with the mixed greens. Add the cooked chicken followed by the pecans, cranberries, green and gala apples, and then the blue cheese.
- 3. Drizzle with about ¼ to ⅓ of the dressing. Refrigerate remaining dressing.



BACON, EGG, AND SPINACH SALAD

BY: REENI FROM CINNAMON SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE



No longer are bacon and eggs just for breakfast. You can add warm honey mustard dressing to your leftover bacon and eggs to make an unforgettable dinner salad. This recipe allows you to cook your bacon in the oven, which will save you clean up time and eliminate added grease that you don't want in your healthy spinach salad. Plus with hard-boiled eggs, you boost this recipe's protein count. After making this salad for the first time, you'll be hooked. You'll ditch your boring spinach salad faster than you could ever imagine.

Serves: 6 as a side dish

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients

For the Salad

- 5 slices bacon
- 3 cups cubed Italian bread, ½-inch cubes
- coarse salt and fresh black pepper
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
- 6 cups baby spinach, stems removed
- ¼ cup thinly sliced red onions

For the Dressing

- ½ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup Dijon honey mustard
- 1 clove garlic, chopped

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking sheet or roasting pan with parchment or aluminum foil. Lay the bacon down so it's not touching and bake about 15 minutes or until crispy. Remove to a paper-towel lined plate and once cool enough to handle, chop or crumble into small pieces.
- 2. Add the bread to the baking sheet and toss well with the grease. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake until lightly golden and crispy about 8 to 10 minutes.
- 3. In a food processor bowl, pulse the oil, mustard, and garlic together until smooth. Pour it into a small saucepan set over low heat and cook until warm. Stir in the bacon and remove from heat. Cool to lukewarm.
- 4. To a large bowl, add the eggs, spinach, onion, and croutons. Pour half the dressing over top and lightly toss, add more dressing as needed until lightly coated. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature or cold.



CROWD-FAVORITE GARBAGE SALAD

BY: <u>IUDITH FOR RECIPELION</u>



Hosting a party or need a potluck dish-topass? Why not try this Crowd-Favorite Garbage Salad!? With tomatoes, salami, cheese, pepperoncini, artichoke hearts, peppers, and olives, every bite of this delicious salad will include a different combination of flavors. But this recipe doesn't just come with a tasty salad, it also comes with a homemade vinaigrette dressing recipe.

Makes: 24 cups of salad

Ingredients

For the Salad

- 1 large head iceberg lettuce, chopped
- 1 large head Romaine lettuce, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 4 ounces Genoa salami, cut into 1 ½ inch strips
- 4 ounces Provolone cheese, cut into 1
 ½ inch strips
- 1 (16-ounce) jar pepperoncini, well drained, stemmed, and sliced in half lengthwise
- 1 (14-ounce) can artichoke hearts, well drained and cut into quarters
- 1 (14-ounce) can hearts of palm, well drained and cut into slices

- 1 (7-ounce) jar whole roasted red peppers, well drained and cut into strips
- 1 (5 ¾-ounce) can pitted black olives or pimento olives, roughly chopped

For the Dressing

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon very finely minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, cut into fine pieces or 1 teaspoon dry basil
- salt and pepper

Instructions

- 1. Place salad ingredients into a very large bowl and gently mix to incorporate all of the items.
- 2. To make the dressing, place ingredients into a pint jar and close tightly. Shake vigorously to mix and shake again just before pouring over the salad.
- 3. Drizzle with cup of the dressing and mix again, tossing very well. Add another cup dressing or as needed and toss gently. Serve immediately. Store any unused dressing in the refrigerator for later use.

Note: Cutting lettuce with a knife is quicker, but this causes the edges of the greens to turn brown. Tearing into bite-sized pieces with your fingers will keep this from happening. This is especially useful if you are making this salad ahead of time.

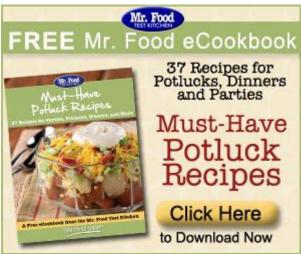






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HEALTHY DELI SALADS

AMISH-STYLE BROCCOLI SALAD

BY: FAVEHEALTHYRECIPES TEST KITCHEN



If you're looking for a quick and easy side dish recipe, then look no further. This Amish-Style Broccoli Salad will be sure to delight everyone who tries a bite. You only need a few ingredients and a quick minute to make this easy broccoli recipe. Plus, this healthy deli salad recipe gives you a full serving of veggies, so it's the perfect side dish for your next family dinner. Best yet, this isn't just a healthy recipe, it's also an insanely delicious recipe.

Serves: 8

Ingredients

- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 pound fresh cauliflower
- 1 pound fresh broccoli
- 4 strips bacon, chopped
- ½ cup light-mayonnaise

- ½ cup plain yogurt
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup sharp Cheddar cheese, diced
- salt

Instructions

- 1. Cut cauliflower and broccoli, chopping the stems and cutting flowerets into bite-size pieces.
- 2. In a large pot, bring 4 quarts of water and 1 tablespoon salt to boil. Drop peas into the water for 1 minute, then lift with a slotted spoon or wire mesh sieve and drain.
- 3. In the same boiling water, boil cauliflower for 3 minutes, then lift out and drain, running under cold water to cool the vegetables.
- 4. In the same boiling water, boil the broccoli about 2 minutes. Then, drain and cool the broccoli.
- 5. In a small frying pan, cook the bacon over medium heat until browned and lightly crisp. Drain well on paper towels.
- 6. To create the dressing, combine the light-mayonnaise, yogurt, sugar, and ½ teaspoon salt.
- 7. When vegetables have cooled, toss with the dressing. Taste for seasoning. Add bacon and cheese and stir gently until well mixed.
- 8. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour or up to 1 day before serving.

Note: Using a smoky flavor of bacon allows the flavor to carry through the salad even in a smaller amount. You can also substitute 1 cup of cubed smoked ham or smoked turkey instead of the bacon.



CLASSIC EGG SALAD SANDWICH

BY: FAVEHEALTHYRECIPES TEST KITCHEN



This Classic Egg Salad Sandwich is a super quick and healthy solution for lunch time because you only need a few ingredients to make this timeless recipe. This easy recipe calls for hard-boiled eggs, a little mayo, chopped onion, Dijon mustard, and herbs and spices for that familiar flavor. A little squeeze of lemon juice will take this egg salad recipe to the next level. The trick to making the perfect egg salad sandwich is to dice the eggs and gently mix them with the rest of the ingredients instead of mashing them all together. Say goodbye to mushy eggs and hello to one of the best egg salads you will ever eat.

Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons finely minced red onion
- 2 tablespoons Dijon style mustard
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

- 2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 8 slices whole grain bread, to serve
- 4 leaves Bibb or curly leaf lettuce, to serve

Instructions

- 1. Place eggs into a small saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and then lower heat and simmer 20 minutes. Immediately drain and place into a bowl of ice and water. Cover and let stand until completely cooled. Peel eggs and chop.
- 2. In a bowl, place the chopped eggs with the remaining egg salad ingredients and toss lightly until egg is well coated with the dressing. Let chill 30 minutes or more to blend the flavors.
- 3. Assemble the sandwiches with bread and lettuce or serve in lettuce cups.

Note: Eggs which are fresh are often difficult to peel. If you have eggs that are at least a week old, they will be easier to peel.



NO-MAYO TUNA SALAD RECIPE

BY: ANNA FROM ANNADVENTURE



Made with avocado, lime, and veggies, this No-Mayo Tuna Salad Recipe is unlike any other tuna salad recipe out there. Because this tuna salad recipe doesn't use mayonnaise, you can be sure that it's healthier than your traditional tuna salad. You can serve this tuna salad on a sandwich, in a wrap, or straight from the bowl. It doesn't matter how you eat it because this deli salad recipe will be delicious no matter what.

Serves: 2

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 (4-ounce) can Chunk Light Tuna soaked in water
- ½ green onion, chopped
- 4 5 cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped black olives
- 1 avocado, smashed
- ½ lime, optional
- salt, to taste
- 2 wraps, optional

- 1. Toss the chopped green onions, cherry tomatoes, and black olives in a bowl. Squeeze the water out of the tuna can by opening the can all the way around and pushing the lid down slowly to press the water out. With a fork, lift the lid from the tuna can and combine it with the green onion, tomato, and olive mix.
- 2. Cut the avocado in half, discard the pit, and scoop the meat into a separate bowl. Smash the avocado until it becomes creamy but still chunky. Mix with the tuna mixture until all ingredients are coated with avocado.
- 3. Add salt to taste. You may squeeze the juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 lime in the salad to give this recipe a more "guacamole" vibe. Serve with a wrap and enjoy with a side of fruit salad.



HOLD-THE-MAYO TUNA SALAD

BY: ARI FROM ARI'S MENU



Made with Greek yogurt instead of mayonnaise, this Hold-the-Mayo Tuna Salad is much healthier than other tuna salad recipes. Because this is a protein-packed recipe, you can easily make this tuna salad for a quick and healthy lunch. You simply pack it in the morning and enjoy it for a mid-day meal. We can't stress enough that this is a must-have recipe. If you decide to make a less flavorful tuna salad, then you'll immediately regret your decision. This tuna salad recipe can't be beat, so you should try it today.

Serves: 3

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 (4-ounce) cans Bumble Bee Tuna
- ¼ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 2 tablespoons sweet relish
- 2 ribs celery, finely chopped
- generous pinch of lemon pepper
- cherry tomatoes, for garnish

Instructions

- 1. In a medium bowl mix together tuna, yogurt, mustard, relish, celery, and lemon pepper until well combined. Top with cherry tomatoes, if desired.
- 2. Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Note: The Greek yogurt can become watery when stored. Just stir before serving again.



SOUTHWESTERN TUNA SALAD SANDWICH

BY: FAVEHEALTHYRECIPES TEST KITCHEN



For a more exciting variation on tuna salad, whip together this southwest version with salsa, peppers, and cilantro. You can choose how spicy you want this tuna salad by adding your preferred type and amount of peppers. You'll love this tuna salad because it uses plain yogurt, instead of mayonnaise. This will help you to cut out the calories that you find in a traditional tuna salad. So, not only does this tuna salad taste amazing, it's also much healthier than your other tuna salad recipes. We recommend that you make this tuna salad as soon as possible. It's simply too good to not share with your friends and family.

Serves: 6

Ingredients

- ½ cup plain yogurt
- ¼ cup salsa verdes, see note
- ¼ cup pimento or red bell pepper, chopped
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped

- 12 ounces water-packed white tuna, well drained
- 1 2 tablespoons finely chopped jalapeno or Serrano peppers, see note
- 2 tablespoons lime juice, see note
- 1 cup baby lettuce leaves
- 3 pita breads, cut in half and split open
- lime wedges and cilantro, for garnish

Instructions

- 1. In a medium bowl, combine the yogurt, salsa, pimento/red bell pepper, cumin, salt, and cilantro until well mixed. Gently stir in the tuna and jalapeno/Serrano peppers. Then add lime juice to taste.
- 2. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour to allow the flavors to mellow. Taste and adjust salt and lime flavors to your preference.
- 3. Spoon tuna mixture into pita halves along with some of the lettuce. Serve with lime wedges and cilantro leaves to garnish.

Notes: Salsa verdes (green sauce) is a standard Mexican table salsa made with Serrano chiles. It is usually fairly spicy. It is available canned or jarred in supermarkets and Mexican markets. You can substitute your favorite red salsa if you wish.

Serrano peppers are slightly hotter than jalapenos, so depending on which you use, you can choose how spicy to make your tuna salad. Remember that lime juice always intensifies the heat factor of fresh chiles. So it is important to taste and adjust after the salad has chilled. To add heat, add some more chiles or salsa. To "cool" it, add more yogurt.



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