

DIRECTIONS

LENTIL AND ROASTED EGGPLANT SALAD





15 min PREP. 35 min



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medium

For the salad:

1/2 Lemon peel

2 2 ct Pure Flavor® Craft House Collection® Baby Eggplants, cut into large cubes 2 4 oz Pure Flavor® Juno® Bites Red Grape Tomatoes, halved 1 large garlic clove, smashed 1 bay leaf, dry or fresh 60g feta, crumbled 1½ cups water

1 cup lentils
1 cup vegetable broth

12 cup vegetable brot

 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp dried thyme

For the dressing:

1 garlic clove, minced.

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

2 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp Dijon mustard

 $\textbf{1}\,\textbf{tsp}\,\, \text{thyme leaves, crumbled}$

½ tsp salt

1/2 tsp black pepper

1 Preheat oven to 450°F.

Line a tray with parchment/baking paper, spread the eggplant pieces, and drizzle with oil, salt, and pepper. Roast for 20 minutes and flip to cook for 10 minutes or until edges are caramelized and soft.

Add lentils, vegetable broth, water, garlic, lemon peel, bay leaf, and thyme in a large saucepan over medium heat to a simmer. Place the lid, lower heat to medium-low, and cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain access liquid and remove garlic, lemon peel, and bay leaf.

Mix the dressing ingredients in a large bowl and add the lentil mix with the tomatoes, arugula, and eggplant.

5 Sprinkle with feta.

Serve warm or at room temp!