

Strawberry, Melon, and Avocado Salad

Nutty and slightly sweet sherry vinegar is a natural partner for strawberries. This composed salad makes a cool kickoff for dinner or top it off with lean protein for a nutrition-packed lunch.

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 tablespooons sherry or red-wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 pinch salt
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1 small avocado (4-5 ounces), peeled, pitted and cut into 16 slices
- 16 slices cantaloupe (about 1/2 small cantaloupe), rind removed
- 1 1/2 cups strawberries, sliced
- 2 teaspoons roasted pumpkin seeds sunflower seeds work well too

Directions

- 1. Whisk honey, vinegar, mint, pepper and salt in a small bowl.
- 2. Divide spinach among 4 salad plates. Arrange alternating slices of avocado and cantaloupe in a fan on top of the spinach. Top each salad with strawberries, drizzle with dressing and sprinkle with pumpkin seeds.