



Southwestern Kale Power Salad

Prep Time: 20 min

Cook Time: 30 min

Serves: 4

NUTRITION FACTS, PER SERVING:

813 calories

38.6 g fat

976 mg sodium



INGREDIENTS: **** Items not included in kit**

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 TB olive oil**
- 2 sweet potatoes, peel and dice into 1/4-inch cubes
- 2 TB olive oil**
- 1 TB Southwestern Kale Salad Spices (2 tsp ground cumin & 1 tsp paprika)
- Salt & pepper, to taste**
- 1 bunch kale, wash first, remove ribs and chop into very small, bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 tsp salt**
- 2 TB olive oil**
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta
- 1/4 cup pepitas (pumpkin seeds)

Avocado Sauce

- 2 avocados, sliced into long strips
- 2 limes, juiced
- 2 TB olive oil**
- 1 jalapeño, seeded, and roughly diced
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander

DIRECTIONS:

1. Rinse the **quinoa** in a fine mesh colander under running water. In a medium pot, combine the rinsed **quinoa** and **1.5 cups water** and bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to a simmer, cook for 10 minutes. Remove pan from heat and let it rest covered, for 5 minutes. Uncover, drain off any excess water and fluff the quinoa with a fork. Set it aside to cool.
2. Peel and dice the **sweet potatoes** into 1/4 inch cubes. In a large pan, warm **2 TB olive oil** over medium heat. Add the **cubed sweet potatoes** and toss to coat, then add the **Southwestern Kale Salad Spices and salt & pepper to taste**, stir to combine, then add **1/4 cup water**, cover and reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the sweet potato is tender and cooked through, about 10 minutes. Uncover the pan, raise the heat back to medium and cook until the excess moisture has evaporated and the sweet potatoes are caramelizing on the edges, about 3 to 5 minutes (add a splash of **olive oil** if the potatoes start sticking to the pan). Set aside to cool.
3. Wash and dry the **kale**. Remove the ribs and tear leaves into small pieces placing into a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle the chopped **kale** with **1/4 tsp salt** and use your hands to "massage" the salt into the kale by grabbing handfuls of kale in your hands and scrunch it up in your palms. Repeat until the kale is darker green in color and more fragrant. Whisk together **2 TB olive oil, juice of 1 lime and 1/4 tsp black pepper**. Drizzle over the **kale** and toss to coat.
4. To make the **Avocado Sauce**: Cut **jalapeno** in half, using a knife remove the seeds and white ribs. Slice into thin strips and dice (**immediately wash your hands and do not touch your eyes.**) Combine **avocados, 2 limes juiced, 2 TB olive oil, diced jalapeno, chopped cilantro and coriander** in a food processor, blender or use a potato masher. Blend well.
5. Drain and rinse the **black beans**, set aside.
6. To assemble, add the cooled **quinoa** into the bowl of **kale** and toss to combine. Divide the **mixture** into four large salad bowls. Top with **sweet potatoes, black beans, avocado sauce**, and a sprinkle of **feta** and **pepitas**.

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