



Orange Orzo Salad with Almonds, Feta and Olives

Prep Time: 15 min

Cook Time: 15 min

Marinating Time: 10 min

Serves: 4

NUTRITION FACTS, PER SERVING:

399 calories

22.6 g fat

422.5 mg sodium



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

- 1 cup orzo pasta
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives, halved
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tsp orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh-squeezed orange juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil**
- 2 TB white wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt & black pepper, to taste**

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Add **1 cup orzo** and cook according to package directions. Before draining, reserve **1/2 cup pasta cooking water** and set aside. Drain and immediately rinse the orzo under cold running water until the orzo is no longer warm. Drain well, set aside.
2. Chop the **parsley**. Thinly slice the **green onions**, white and green portion, discarding the root end. Peel and mince the **garlic clove**, and set aside. Zest the **orange** and set aside **1 tsp zest**. Juice the **orange** to get **1/4 cup juice**.
3. Toasting nuts makes them crunchier and enhances the nutty flavor. Be careful not to leave the pan unattended, they can quickly burn. In a dry skillet over medium heat, add the **sliced almonds** and toast until fragrant, stirring for about 3 minutes. Remove pan from heat.
4. In a large bowl, combine the **cooked orzo, toasted almonds, chopped parsley, halved olives, green onions, raisins, and feta**.
5. In a small bowl, combine the **orange zest, orange juice, 1/4 cup olive oil, vinegar, minced garlic, salt and black pepper**. **Add 1/4 cup of the reserved pasta cooking water**, and whisk until blended.
6. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to combine. **Let the orzo salad rest for at least 10 minutes** (or up to several hours in the refrigerator) so it has time to soak up the dressing. Leftovers will keep in the refrigerator for up to four days.

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