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## *House Salad with Mozzarella, Tomato, and Pine Nuts*

*Serves 12*

### **Ingredients:**

2 heads of Romaine lettuce (chopped)  
1 pint cherry tomatoes (sliced in half)  
1, 8-ounce container mozzarella pearls (drained)  
2 cucumbers (diced into bite-size pieces)  
1 small red onion (sliced fine)  
¼ cup pine nuts

### **Vinaigrette Dressing:**

2 TBSP garlic, finely chopped  
¼ cup balsamic vinegar  
¾ cup Extra-virgin olive oil  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
½ teaspoon salt



### **Directions:**

1. Salad: In a medium bowl, mix together the salad ingredients
2. Dressing: In a mason jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine ingredients. Close lid and shake vigorously.

### **Nutrition Tips:**

1. Commercially-prepared dressings can be full of added sugars and unhealthy fats. Making a simple vinaigrette is a great way to control ingredients yet still add a delicious flavor.
2. Vinaigrette can be kept on the counter for several weeks if just olive oil and vinegar. If adding fresh ingredients (garlic, shallot, herbs, etc), then refrigerate.
3. Serve dressing on the side. Oil and vinegar may separate, so shake to combine before dressing your salad.

### **Source:**

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