Mixed Greens Salad with Tomatoes, Onions, Olives, Feta Cheese
Serves 12

**Ingredients:**
1. 5-ounce box of mixed greens
2. 1 cup mixed olives (pitted, sliced)
3. 1 pint cherry tomatoes (halved)
4. 4 ounces feta cheese (crumbled)
5. 1 small red onion (sliced fine)

**Vinaigrette Dressing:**
1. 2 TBSP garlic (finely chopped)
2. ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
3. ⅔ cup Extra-virgin olive oil
4. ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
5. ½ teaspoon salt

**Directions:**
1. Assemble salad: In a medium bowl, mix together the greens, olives, tomatoes, feta, and onion.

**Nutrition Tips:**
1. Commercially-prepared dressings can be full of added sugars and unhealthful fats. Making a simple homemade 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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