Mixed Greens Salad with Pomegranate, Butternut Squash, and Goat Cheese
Serves 12

Ingredients:
1. 5-ounce box of mixed greens
2. 1 pomegranate (seeds/arils only)
3. 1 cup butternut squash (diced and roasted with olive oil)
4. 4 ounces goat cheese (crumbled)
5. 1 small red onion (sliced fine)

Vinaigrette Dressing:
6. 2 TBSP garlic (finely chopped)
7. ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
8. ¾ cup Extra-virgin olive oil
9. ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
10. ½ teaspoon salt

Directions:
1. Assemble salad: In a medium bowl, mix together the greens, pomegranate arils, butternut squash, goat cheese and red 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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