Jennifer Aniston Salad

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Here's how to make the viral Jennifer Aniston salad with quinoa or bulgur, cucumber, fresh herbs, pistachios, chickpeas and feta all tossed in lemon juice and olive oil.

Prep Time	Cook Time	Total Time
10 mins	15 mins	25 mins

Course: Salad Cuisine: American Diet: Vegan Servings: 6 Author: Brittany Mullins

Ingredients

- 1 cup uncooked quinoa or bulgar wheat
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup cucumber chopped
- 1/2 cup parsley chopped
- ¹/₂ cup mint chopped
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup red onion chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup roasted and salted pistachios chopped
- 115 ounce can chickpeas drained and rinsed
- 2 lemons juiced (about 5-6 Tablespoons)
- ¹/₄ cup extra virgin olive oil
- sea salt to taste
- ground pepper to taste
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup crumbled feta cheese

Instructions

- 1. Rinse and drain quinoa. Add quinoa and water to a small pot and bring the water to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 15 minutes. Fluff with a fork and let cool for 5-10 minutes.
- 2. In a medium bowl, stir together cooked quinoa, cucumber, parsley, mint, red onion, pistachios, chickpeas, lemon juice, olive oil, salt, pepper and feta.
- 3. Serve immediately or let the salad chill in the fridge a couple hours before serving.
- 4. Store salad in an airtight container for up to 5 days in the fridge.

Notes

- **Quinoa:** Feel free to use bulgur if desired. Add bulgur and water to a small pot and bring the water to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 12 minutes. Drain off any access water. Fluff with a fork and let cool for 5-10 minutes.
- **Cheese:** Feel free to skip the feta altogether or use a dairy-free feta cheese if you want the salad to be vegan.
- **Avocado:** Want to add a little more creaminess and healthy fat to your salad? Add in some chopped avocado.
- **Pistachios:** Feel free to swap the pistachios with another nut. I bet roasted and salted almonds would be delicious. If you need this salad to be nut-free, you can totally swap the nuts for roasted sunflower seeds.

Nutrition

Serving: 1/6 recipe | Calories: 391kcal | Carbohydrates: 37g | Protein: 14g | Fat: 21g | Saturated Fat: 4g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 2g | Monounsaturated Fat: 10g | Cholesterol: 11mg | Sodium: 274mg | Potassium: 317mg | Fiber: 7g | Sugar: 3g

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