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## Continent Grain Salad



### INGREDIENTS

1 cup Continent Grains

1 1/2 cups cold water

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup snow peas, shell peas, celery, or green beans

1 - 2 small carrots, peeled and sliced thin

1/2 green or red pepper, sliced thin

1 medium ripe tomato

1 medium cucumber, peeled and diced

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley, cilantro, or basil

1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted sunflower seeds or toasted cashews

**Options:** Chopped scallions, dried unsweetened cranberries, raisins or apricots, Greek olives, minced jalapeno pepper, fresh mint

### DRESSING

2 Tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

1/4 cup olive oil

1/2 tsp salt

Fresh ground pepper

**Options:** Pinch of cayenne, garlic powder or fresh minced garlic, minced fresh or dried ginger

### DIRECTIONS:

1. The grains can be made ahead of time and refrigerated if you like
2. Place in 2 qt pot with the water, salt and oil
3. Bring to a full boil
4. Cover the pot, let boil another minute, turn the heat down to very low, and cook for 20-25 minutes
5. Remove from heat and allow to sit five minutes with lid on
6. Fluff gently with a fork and set aside to cool. Setting the pan in a sink full of cold water cools the grains quickly
7. Steam the carrots and green veg for 5 minutes or until tender-crisp, drain, rinse in cold water and drain again
8. Chop the tomatoes, herb and cucumber
9. Blend dressing ingredients with a whisk or shake in a jar
10. Gently combine veggies, walnuts, grains and dressing in a large bowl, cover and chill