

Cold soba noodle salad



Serves 24 - 30 tastes Source: Adapted from sbs.com.au Nicole Gulotta

| Ingredients | Equipment |
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| Salad | Measuring cups and spoons |
| 225g dried soba noodles | Mixing bowls |
| 2 large handfuls spinach | |
| 1 bok choi | Knives |
| 2 Lebanese cucumbers | Chopping boards |
| 2 spring onions, sliced | Box grater |
| 1 carrot, grated | |
| 2 tablespoons toasted sesame | Saucepan |
| seeds | Juice squeezer |
| Dressing | Microplane (for ginger and lemon zest) |
| ¼ cup rice vinegar | |
| Zest from 1 lemon | |
| 3 tablespoons lemon juice | |
| 2 tablespoons soy sauce | |
| 2 teaspoons castor sugar | |
| 2 teaspoons finely grated ginger | |
| ¼ teaspoon sesame oil | |
| 3 tablespoons canola oil | |

What to do:

- Place the saucepan full of water on the stove and with a high heat, bring it to the boil.
- Wash and trim the bok choi
- Once the water is boiling, add the noodles and bok choi, bring to back to the boil and simmer for 2 minutes. Drain and then plunge the bok choi and noodles into a bowl of very cold water, you need to stop the cooking process. You may need to change the water more than once as they cool down.
- Grate the carrot, and dice the cucumbers finely. Slice the spring onions finely.
- When the noodles and bok choi are cooled, remove the bok choi and slice thinly.
- Place the drained noodles, bok choi, carrot, chopped spinach, cucumber and spring onions in a bowl, toss gently to combine.
- Toast the sesame seeds in a dry frying pan, over a low heat with a wooden spoon, keep the seeds moving or they will burn. When they are toasted remove them from the frying pan onto a plate to cool.
- Make the dressing by combining all ingredients in a bowl and whisking well together.
- Pour the dressing over the noodles and vegetables and toss gently.
- Divide into serving bowls and top with a sprinkle of sesame seeds, serve.