

# The Health & Wellbeing Studio

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## Feta, Beetroot, Spinach, Walnut Salad

Fantastic as a side dish or bulk it up with some protein to have as a main meal.

- Vegetarian friendly

- Gluten free

Preparations time: 15mins Serves: 4 people Cooking time: 30mins

### Ingredients

Extra virgin olive oil Cracked pepper & Sea salt 250g Baby Spinach leaves 1 clove of Garlic 150g of Feta 1 bunch of asparagus Balsamic vinegar 1/3 cup Walnuts 4 Baby beets or small beets halved Oregano Lemon juice (optional)

#### Instructions:

- 1) Set the oven to 180C.
- 2) Lightly sauté walnuts in olive oil until golden.
- Separate walnuts and drain on paper towels: set aside oil to use as a salad dressing.
- 4) Lightly rub baby beets with olive oil and crushed or grated garlic, wrap in foil and bake in the oven until can easily pierce with a knife, (alternatively steam).
- 5) Put asparagus spears in to a shallow amount of boiling water- simmer for a couple of minutes, take out straight away and place in cold water for ½ a minute [helps keep colour]. Cooking time depends in how crunchy you like the asparagus.
- Put spinach leaves in to a salad bowl, loosely layer beets, asparagus spears and walnuts and lightly toss in dressing.
- 7) Put feta cheese on top and garnish with cracked pepper.

#### Dressing

1) Combine Olive oil (from sautéed walnuts), Balsamic vinegar, Cracked pepper and a little sea salt (to liking).

Alternatives: To increase protein content include – quinoa, smoked chicken, roast chicken, tuna or have as a side dish to a lean piece of meat.