Melons

Key Points

- For the best buy, choose melons that have a good scent and are heavy for their size with no bruises.
- To prepare melons, rinse the rinds and cut them in half or in wedges and remove the seeds.
- To store fresh, leave whole melons at room temperature out of direct sunlight for up to 1 week, then refrigerate when ripe. Refrigerate cut melons for up to 5 days.
- Melons contain vitamin A, which is good for healthy eyes and skin.



Ingredients:

10 chopped tomatoes (save the liquid)
1 ripe, chopped cantaloupe
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

1 tablespoon vegetable oil Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. In a large bowl mix the tomato, cantaloupe, and basil.
- 2. Toss with the tomato liquid, oil, salt and pepper.
- 3. Serve cold and enjoy!
- 4. Refrigerate leftovers.

Nectarine-Glazed Honeydew

Ingredients:

1 cup finely chopped nectarines 1 tablespoon brown sugar 1 teaspoon grated ginger 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice 2-3 tablespoons chopped mint 1 medium honeydew, cubed

Directions:

- 1. In a medium pot combine the nectarines, brown sugar, ginger, allspice, and mint.
- 2. Bring to a boil. Cook 3-5 more minutes or until sauce begins to thicken.
- 3. Pour over honeydew.
- 4. Serve and enjoy!
- 5. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes 6 servings.



Quick Tips

- Make refreshing melon soup: puree melon and fresh herbs in a blender!
- Add melon cubes or melon balls to fruit salads.
- Serve melon halves with chicken or seafood salads.
- Kids can help! Scooping out melon seeds is an easy, fun way to enjoy cooking with your child!

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Makes 8 servings.

Recipe adapted from goodhousekeeping.com

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The Nutrition Facts Label — What does it tell us?

Recipe Name:
Cantaloupe, Tomato,
and Basil Salad

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Nectarine-Glazed
Honeydew

Nutrition Facts Serving Size (257g) Servings Per Container	1. Start with the serving size.	Nutrition Facts Serving Size (241g) Servings Per Container
Amount Per Serving		Amount Per Serving
Calories 80 Calories from Fat 20	2. Check calories.	Calories 100 Calories from Fat 5
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Total Fat 2.5g 4%	3. Limit these:	Total Fat 0g 0%
Saturated Fat 0g 0%	-Total fat - Saturated fat	Saturated Fat 0g 0%
Trans Fat 0g	- Saturated fat - Trans fat	Trans Fat 0g
Cholesterol 0mg 0%	- Cholesterol	Cholesterol 0mg 0%
Sodium 90mg 4%	- Sodium	Sodium 40mg 2%
Total Carbohydrate 15g 5%		Total Carbohydrate 24g 8%
Dietary Fiber 2g 8%	4. Get enough of these:	Dietary Fiber 2g 8%
Sugars 11g	- Fiber - Vitamins A and C	Sugars 21g
Protein 2g	- Iron	Protein 1g
Vitamin A 60% • Vitamin C 90%	- Calcium	Vitamin A 6% • Vitamin C 70%
Calcium 4% • Iron 4%		Calcium 2% • Iron 4%
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Percent (%) Daily Value: 5% or less is LOW 20% or more is HIGH