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Creamy Asian Pear, Persimmon, and Fennel Slaw with Crushed Pistachios

Prep time: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh baby Spinach leaves, washed and thoroughly dried

1 head Bibb lettuce, washed and thoroughly dried, cut into bite-sized pieces

2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill 2 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar

2 tablespoons good-quality olive oil or hazelnut oil

2 tablespoons almond butter

freshly squeezed lemon juice, to taste

1 to 3 pinches sea salt

freshly ground white pepper, to taste

2 small Asian pears

½ bulb fennel

1 small ripe but still firm persimmon, peeled

½ cup crushed pistachios

Directions:

Put the spinach, lettuce, and dill in a mixing bowl.

In a blender, put the rice vinegar, oil, almond butter, and lemon juice. Blend until smooth. Pulse in pepper to taste and a little salt if needed. If the dressing seems too thick, pulse in a little cold water.

Cut the fennel into thin slices; then, stack the slices and cut into thin julienne strips. Put the fennel strips in the dressing and toss well. Cover and refrigerate to soften the fennel until serving time, at least 1 hour.

Before serving, halve and core the pear. Cut into thin slices; then stack the slices and cut into thin julienne strips. Slice the persimmon; then stack the slices and cut into thin julienne strips

Add the pear and persimmon to the fennel and dressing and toss thoroughly. Transfer to a bowl or individual serving dishes and sprinkle with pistachios.

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