

THAI TOASTED SESAME TOMATO AND CUCUMBER SALAD

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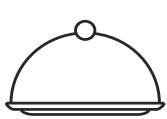
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OVEN



40 MINUTES



SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons raw sugar
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1 lb tomatoes, cut lengthwise and sliced thinly
- 3/4 cup cucumbers, cut lengthwise and sliced thinly
- 2 jalapeños, cut lengthwise and sliced thinly
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup Thai basil, chiffonade

DIRECTIONS

In a bowl, whisk together soy, vinegar, oil, and sugar. Toast sesame seeds in oven at 350°, until lightly browned.

Arrange tomatoes, chilies, cucumber on a platter alternating colors and items. Drizzle with soy and vinegar mixture.

Garnish with sesame seeds, Thai basil, and green onion. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Chill for 1 hour and serve.



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