

#### Ingredients

Large iced tea bags 4 cups Water Light brown sugar, ½ cup firmly packed Kosher salt ½ cup Sweet onion, thinly sliced 1 cup Lemon, thinly sliced Garlic, smashed 2 tbsp. Fresh rosemary sprigs Black pepper 1 tbsp. Ice cubes 2 cups 1, 4lb. Whole chicken, carved into 8 pieces

# Sweet Tea-Brined Chicken

- 1. Bring 4 cups water to a boil in a saucepan, add tea bags. Remove from heat and let steep 10 minutes.
- 2. Stir in sugar, kosher salt, onion, lemon, garlic, rosemary and black pepper until sugar dissolves. Cool completely, stir in ice. Mixture should be cold before adding chicken.
- 3. Seal tea mixture and chicken in a large zip-top plastic freezer bag. Place bag in a shallow baking dish and chill 24 hours. After, remove chicken from marinade and pat chicken dry.
- 4. Light one side of grill, at medium heat; leave other side unlit. Place chicken, skin side down, over unlit side and grill with lid down, 20 minutes.
- 5. Turn chicken, grill for another 20 minutes. Turn chicken again, and grill 40-50 minutes or until a thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the chicken reads 165°.
- 6.Transfer chicken to lit side of grill, and grill 2-3 minutes or until skin is crispy. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



#### *Ingredients*

12 oz.	Penne pasta
½ lb.	French green beans,
	cut in half lengthwise
1 tbsp.	Fresh thyme leaves
½ cup	Lemon zest, divided
¼ cup	Salted pistachio kernels,
	chopped
2 tbps.	White balsamic vinegar
2 tbps.	Shallots, minced
1 tsp.	Garlic, minced
1 tsp.	Kosher salt
½ tsp.	Black pepper, ground
5 tbps.	Extra virgin olive oil
2 cups	Arugula
½ cup	Parmesan, fresh, grated

# Lemony Green Bean Pasta Salad

- 1. Cook pasta according to package directions, adding green beans to boiling water during last 2 minutes of cooking time. Carefully drain in a colander, rinse with cold water and allow to drain well.
- 2. Place pasta in a large bowl and chill pasta and beans in refrigerator to 41° or below.
- 3. Combine pasta mixture, thyme and 3 tablespoons lemon zest. Toss gently to combine.
- 4. Whisk together vinegar, shallots, garlic, salt and pepper. Slowly add olive oil to combine. Drizzle dressing over pasta mixture, add arugula and toss gently to thoroughly coat all ingredients.
- 5. Top the pasta with the pistachios and parmesan.



#### *Ingredients*

6 cups	Romaine lettuce,
_	chopped
½ cup	Red onion, thinly sliced
1	Red bell pepper, diced
1	Green bell pepper,
	diced
¾ cup	Cucumber, peeled,
	sliced
½ cup	Kalamata olives,
	pitted and halved
½ cup	Parsley, flat leaf,
	chopped
1½ tsp.	Kosher salt
¾ tsp.	Ground black pepper
1 lb.	Flank steak
1 tbsp.	Extra virgin olive oil
½ cup	Blue cheese crumbles
½ cup	Blue cheese dressing

# **Chopped Salad with Steak**

#### **Directions**

1. In a large bowl toss together the romaine, red onion, both bell peppers, cucumber, olives and parsley with the blue cheese dressing, salt and pepper. Divide the salad evenly on 4 chilled plates. Top each salad with 4 ounces of flank steak and 1 tablespoon of blue cheese crumbles.

#### Flank steak

- 1. Trim excess fat and connective tissue from the steak, season both sides with kosher salt and pepper. Rub both sides of the steak with olive oil.
- 2. Place steak on a very hot grill and sear for 2 minutes. Rotate 90° and continue to cook for and additional 2-3 minutes.
- 3. Flip the steak to the other side. Cook for 2 minutes and again rotate 90° with a pair of tongs. Cook an additional 2-3 minutes.

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4. Remove from grill and place on a platter. Let the steak rest for 8-10 minutes before slicing into 1 inch squares.

#### *Ingredients*

3 tbsp.	Fresh orange juice
2 tbsp.	White wine vinegar
2 tsp.	Dijon mustard
2 tsp.	Honey
2 tbsp.	Shallot, minced
1 tsp.	Kosher salt
¹⁄₄ tsp.	Ground black pepper
½ cup	Olive oil
3 cups	Chicken breast, grilled,
	chilled, cubed
15 oz.	Cannellini beans,
	canned, drained,
	rinsed
½ lb.	Snow peas, blanched,
	chilled, sliced
3 cups	Red cabbage, shredded
2	Fresh oranges,
	segmented
½ cup	Almonds, sliced,
	roasted, salted

# Chicken and White Bean Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette

- 1. Whisk together orange juice, vinegar, Dijon mustard, honey, shallot, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Slowly whisk in olive oil to combine.
- 3. Add the chicken, cannellini beans, snow peas, purple cabbage and oranges to the bowl.
- 4. Toss the salad in the dressing until all of the ingredients are thoroughly coated.
- 5. Divide salad among 6 plates and top each salad with 1 tablespoon of the toasted almonds.



#### *Ingredients*

16 oz. Cream cheese, softened 1 cup Confectioners sugar

2 tsp. Vanilla extract16 oz. Frozen whipped

topping

½ cup Strawberry preserves

8 cups Fresh strawberries, sliced and divided

1½ cups Graham crackers,

crushed

# Strawberry Cheesecake Dessert Salad

- 1. Beat cream cheese with a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until whipped and creamy, about 1 minute.
- 2. Slowly add powdered sugar and vanilla, and beat until smooth, about 1 more minute.
- 3. Fold in whipped topping, strawberry preserves, and 6 cups (approximately 2 pounds) of the sliced strawberries.
- 4. Sprinkle each serving evenly with graham crackers, and top evenly with remaining sliced strawberries.

