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## Vegetarian Pineapple & Halloumi Salad

with almonds & a sweet dressing

Take your salad game up a notch with this unexpected flavour combination of salty, crispy-fried halloumi slabs & sweet, charred pineapple. The supporting players for this dish are tangy baby tomatoes, nutty chickpeas, almonds & a sweet-mustard citrus salad dressing – all forming a champion culinary team!

Hands-on Time: 30 minutes

**Overall Time:** 50 minutes

Serves: 3 People

Chef: Ella Nasser

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| Ingredients & Prep |  |  |
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| 360g               | Chickpeas<br>drain & rinse                                     |  |
| 15ml               | NOMU One For All Rub   |  |
| 15g                | Almonds<br>roughly chop  |  |
| 300g               | Fresh Pineapple Pieces<br>cut into bite-sized pieces           |  |
| 240g               | Halloumi<br>pat dry with paper towel &<br>cut into thick slabs |  |
| 75ml               | Salad Dressing<br>(60ml Orange Juice & 15m<br>Dijon Mustard)   |  |
| 120g               | Salad Leaves<br>rinse  |  |
| 300g               | Baby Tomatoes<br>rinse & cut in half                           |  |
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### From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut) Salt & Pepper Water Paper Towel Sugar/Sweetener/Honey 1. CRISPY CHICKPEAS Place a pan (with a lid) over medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, toast the drained chickpeas until golden and crispy, 12-15 minutes (shifting occasionally). If they start to pop out, use a lid to rein them in. In the final minute, add the NOMU rub. Season and set aside.

2. NUTS ABOUT NUTS Place the chopped almonds in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-4 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

3. PINING FOR PINEAPPLE Return the pan to high heat. When hot, fry the pineapple pieces until charred, 2-3 minutes per side. Remove from the pan and set aside.

4. HELLO HALLOUMI Return the pan to medium heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the halloumi slabs until crispy and golden, 2-3 minutes per side. Remove from the pan and drain on paper towel.

5. MIX THINGS UP In a salad bowl, combine the salad dressing with 30ml of sweetener (to taste), and a drizzle of olive oil. Add the rinsed leaves, the halved baby tomatoes,  $V_2$  the toasted almonds, the crispy chickpeas, and seasoning.

6. SO READY FOR THIS SALAD! Plate up the hearty salad. Top with the charred halloumi and pineapple. Sprinkle over the remaining almonds. Yum!

## Chef's Tip

Air fryer method: Coat the rinsed chickpeas in oil and seasoning. Air fry at 200°C until crispy, 10-15 minutes (shifting halfway).

## **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

| Energy             | 589kJ   |
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| Energy             | 141kcal |
| Protein            | 7.1g    |
| Carbs              | 10g     |
| of which sugars    | 3.9g    |
| Fibre              | 3.7g    |
| Fat                | 6.9g    |
| of which saturated | 3.9g    |
| Sodium             | 162mg   |
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### Allergens

Allium, Sulphites, Tree Nuts, Cow's Milk