BARLEY, BUTTERNUT & BLACK BEAN SALAD

Higher Fiber, Lower Saturated Fat, Lower Sodium, Vegetarian

Serves: 1 cup

Nutrition (per serving)

Calories: 250 Total Carbohydrate: 45 g

Total Fat: 7.5 g Dietary Fiber: 10 g Saturated Fat: 1 g Protein: 7.5 g

Sodium: 206 mg

Ingredients

- 1 cup barley
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 leeks, white & light green parts only, thinly sliced
- 2 cups chopped butternut squash, about $\frac{1}{2}$ medium
- ¼ cup water
- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 ½ cup cooked black beans (about 1 can (15 ounce), rinsed, drained)
- ½ tsp salt



2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper grated lemon peel, garnish

Directions

- 1. Cook barley per package directions. Rinse and set aside.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Add leaks and squash and cook, tossing or stirring, until slightly softened and lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Add water and 1 % tablespoons of the parsley and cook 2-3 minutes longer. Transfer vegetables to a large bowl.
- 3. Add barley, black beans, salt, and remaining one tablespoon of olive oil, and 1 ½ tablespoon of parsley. Stir to combine.
- 4. Season with lemon juice and pepper. Garnish with lemon peel if desired. Can be served warm or cold.

