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SWEET DELICATA SQUASH & POMEGRANATE SALAD WITH PECANS, GOAT CHEESE AND POMEGRANTE DRESSING

SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS FOR THE SALAD

- 1 delicata squash, halved lengthwise and seeded, sliced into ¹/₂-inch segments
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, more if needed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- l box or bag of baby spinach or arugula
- 1/2 cup pomegranates seeds
- 1/2 cup pecans
- Goat cheese, (as much as you like)

INGREDIENTS FOR THE DRESSING

- 1/3 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp finely chopped shallot or garlic
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/3 cup olive oil

DIRECTIONS FOR THE SALAD

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F and line a baking sheets with parchment paper.

- 2. Place the prepared squash on the parchment lined baking sheet and toss with olive oil and several pinches of salt and pepper.
- 3. Roast until golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes, set aside.
- 4. Heat a small saucepan over medium heat and add the pecans, toast until they are slightly golden, shaking the pan as they cook for about 5 minutes, set aside.
- 5. Prepare the salad by putting the greens in a large salad bowl with a pinch of salt and pepper. Toss in the toasted pecans, sprouts, Goat cheese and pomegranate seeds.
- 6. Pour the dressing over the salad, lightly toss and you are ready to eat.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE DRESSING

- 1. In a small bowl combine the pomegranate juice, vinegar, shallot, salt and pepper and whisk together.
- 2. Slowly pour in the olive oil while constantly whisking until the dressing comes together.

COOKS NOTES

- Make this salad vegan by leaving out the cheese.
- This salad is also delicious with feta cheese.
- You can use walnuts or hazelnuts in place of the pecans.
- You can store any leftover dressing in the fridge for up to one week.