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INGREDIENTS - SALAD

Asparagus: 1/2 C chopped

Garbanzo Beans: 1/2 C drained

Cucumber: 1/4 C sliced and quartered

Red Onion: 2 Tbsp

Grape Tomatoes: 6 halved

Red Pepper: 2 Tbsp

Kalamata Olives: 2 tsp chopped

Basil: 2 tsp chopped

INGREDIENTS - VINAIGRETTE

Balsamic Vinegar: 3 Tbsp

Olive Oil: 3 Tbsp

Sugar: 1 tsp

Lemon Juice: 1 tsp

Salt: **1/4 tsp**

Pepper: 1/8 tsp



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DIRECTIONS - PRE PREP

- 1. Wash asparagus and cut into 2 inch pieces.
- 2. Drain beans.
- 3. Wash and dice cucumbers, red pepper, and
- 4. Cut tomatoes in quarters.
- 5. Chop basil.
- 6. Rough chop olives.
- 7. In a bowl, prepare vinaigrette by combining all ingredients and then whisk together.

DIRECTIONS - ASSEMBLE SALAD

- 1. Add the asparagus, drained garbanzo beans, diced cucumbers, diced onions, tomatoes, diced red peppers, and olives in a large mixing bowl.
- 2. Toss vegetables with dressing. Let the salad chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve, at least an hour. Add basil before serving.
- 3. Serve in 1/2 cup sizes.