Tomato, bean & herb salad with haloumi cheese

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Preparation: about 15 minutes about 5 minutes

Makes:

175g green beans, trimmed

1 cup firmly-packed flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mint leaves, roughly chopped 100g baby spinach leaves

2 green onions (shallots), trimmed and thinly sliced

250g mini roma tomatoes, halved lengthways ½ cup Kalamata or black olives

2 tbs olive oil

250g haloumi cheese, cut lengthways into 4 thick slices

2 tbs extra virgin olive oil1 tbs lemon juiceSalt and ground black pepper

Green beans

- Provide some iron, which is especially important for those who choose a vegetarian diet. Iron is needed for making red blood cells, which carry oxygen throughout the body.
- An excellent source of vitamin C, which is best preserved if green beans are steamed, stir-fried or cooked briefly in the microwave.
- Plunge beans into a medium frying pan of boiling water and cook over high heat for 2-3 minutes until almost tender. Drain and refresh beans in cold water. Wipe pan dry using paper towel.
 Set pan aside.
- In a large bowl, combine beans, parsley, mint, spinach, green onions, tomatoes and olives. Toss to combine and arrange on a serving platter.
- 3. Heat oil in the frying pan over medium-high heat until hot. Add haloumi and cook for about 1 minute on each side until golden. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel. Top salad with haloumi, drizzle with extra virgin olive oil and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

