

Asian cucumber, prawn & chilli noodle salad

Preparation 30 mins | Serves 4

This salad is delicious served for an easy breezy light summer lunch or entrée.

200g rice vermicelli noodles

1 small Iceberg lettuce

3 Lebanese cucumbers

500g cooked medium-king prawns, peeled and deveined

1 cup bean sprouts, trimmed

1 cup coriander leaves

2/3 cup Thai basil leaves

2 green onions (shallots), trimmed and thinly sliced

½ cup roasted cashews, chopped

Lime wedges and sliced long red chilli, to serve

Chilli jam dressing:

1/3 cup Asian chilli jam or sweet chilli sauce

1 tsp fish sauce

½ cup lime juice

STEP 1 Cook rice noodles in a saucepan of boiling water following packet directions. Drain, refresh in cold water and set aside to dry.

STEP 2 Remove central core from the lettuce. Hold lettuce in the palm of your hand, removed core-side up, under cold running water and as the lettuce fills with water separate the leaves. Drain, dry and place lettuce leaves in a plastic bag and chill until ready to serve.

STEP 3 Using a julienne shredder or knife, shred cucumbers into long thin strips. Arrange cucumbers, prawns, bean sprouts, coriander and Thai basil on a large serving platter.

STEP 4 Place noodles and green onions into a bowl. To make dressing, combine all ingredients in a screw-top jar. Drizzle dressing over noodles and gently toss. Serve prawn salad with noodle mixture, lettuce cups, cashews and lime wedges.

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