

## Mediterranean Chickpea Salad

## Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1½ teaspoon cumin seeds\*
- 2 cups cooked chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 4 Medjool dates, pitted and diced
- 3 Persian cucumbers, sliced into thin half moons
- ½ cup chopped roasted red peppers
- ¼ cup finely chopped parsley
- 3 ounces Roth Chèvre Honey Goat Cheese
- ¼ cup fresh mint

Nutrition Facts Servings: 4	
Amount per serving Calories	475
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 15.4g	20%
Saturated Fat 3g	15%
Cholesterol 6mg	2%
Sodium 449mg	20%
Total Carbohydrate 67.5g	25%
Dietary Fiber 18g	64%
Total Sugars 13.7g	
Protein 20.7g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 124mg	10%
Iron 7mg	37%
Potassium 988mg	21%

## **Directions:**

- In a large bowl, combine the olive oil, garlic, lemon zest, lemon juice, salt, and several grinds of pepper.
- In a small skillet over medium-low heat, toast the cumin seeds until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Remove from the heat and crush them a bit (a mortar & pestle is easiest for this). Add them to the bowl and stir.
- Add the chickpeas, tomatoes, dates, cucumbers, red pepper, and parsley to the bowl and toss. Transfer to a serving platter and dollop with the goat cheese, sprinkle with mint, and top with the extra roasted chickpeas, if desired. Season to taste and serve.

Enjoy all of these nutritious ingredients that are: good for heart health, inflammation, blood pressure, digestion, chronic disease prevention and more!

