Black Bean Corn and Couscous Salad

Makes 4 servings, 1/1/2 cups (375 mL) each

This speedy make ahead salad has been toted to more pot luck suppers than we can count! It is a complete meal when served with a whole grain roll and a refreshing frozen yogurt for dessert.

Chopped carrot can be substituted for the red pepper and chopped chives are a good alternative to the green onions. Although the coriander does gives this salad much of its unique taste, a combination of chopped fresh parsley and basil makes for a tasty variation.

Ingredients:

1 can (19 oz/540 mL) black beans, drained and rinsed

1 can (12 oz/341 mL) kernel corn, drained and rinsed or 1/1/2 cups (375 mL) frozen corn kernels

1 medium sweet red pepper, diced

2 chopped green onions

1/4 cup chopped fresh coriander

2 cups cooked couscous*

14 cup (50 mL) rice wine vinegar

2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil

1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard

½ tsp (2 mL) minced garlic

salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. In a large bowl, combine beans, corn, red pepper, onions, coriander and couscous.
- 2. Make vinaigrette in small bowl or measuring cup. Blend together vinegar, oil, mustard, garlic, salt and pepper. Pour over salad and toss gently.

*To make 2 cups (500 mL) of cooked couscous: place 3/4 cup (175 mL) quick-cooking couscous in a heatproof bowl. Add a dash of olive oil and 3/4 cup (175 mL) boiling water. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.