Chicken Broccoli Salad

Dressing Ingredients

2 cups plain (unsweetened) yogurt 3 Tbsp. red wine vinegar

1/2 cup mayonnaise 1 tsp. salt

3 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. granulated sugar ¹/₄ tsp. black pepper

Salad Ingredients

4 chicken breasts4 - 6 ribs celery, thinly sliced6 cups broccoli florets2/3 cup scallions, sliced thin2 - 3 cups grapes, halved3/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

6 – 8 slices cooked, crumbled bacon 2 Tbsp. toasted sesame seeds

Directions

Prepare dressing by blending all ingredients together with a whisk until fully mixed. Set aside in the refrigerator.

Toast almonds and sesame seeds separately in a frypan over low heat until golden brown (NOTE: don't cook them together as they will take different amounts of time). Allow to cool thoroughly.

Cut broccoli into bite-sized pieces. Bring to boil, salted water in a medium sized saucepot. Add broccoli and cook for 3 minutes until tender crisp. Drain and either run under cold water or place in a bowl with ice and cold water. Toss until broccoli is fully cooled to stop cooking. When cool, drain thoroughly, and set aside.

Cook chicken breasts until they reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees. You can use an indoor grill, frypan or cook them in the oven. You can also boil them, but I prefer to get a little color on them to add flavor. Allow to cool before cutting into bitesized (about ½") cubes.

Combine all ingredients with dressing until well mixed. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving (I find early in the day or even the night before serving to be best). Toss well before serving.

Enjoy!