

## **Mexican Market Corn Salad**

Add delicious charred flavor without a grill

3 ears fresh sweet corn

3 Tablespoons oil from red peppers jar

1 (12 oz.) jar roasted red peppers in olive oil with garlic

1 cup chopped sweet green bell pepper

1 watermelon radish, trimmed, chopped

1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt

1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1-1/2 teaspoons honey

1/4 teaspoon chili powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

**Garnish**: 1/4 cup crumbled queso fresco cheese, 2 Tablespoons chopped chives; 4 Tablespoons chopped cilantro or parsley; pumpkin seeds as

desired; hot or mild cherry peppers

## **Easy Directions**

- 1. Microwave ears of corn with husks, about 4 minutes high power; remove husks and silk, cut off; 2 cups corn kernels.
- 2. Place 3 Tbsp. oil from pepper jar in 10-inch hot cast iron skillet; cook medium high heat until light grill browned but not burned or completely dry.
- 3. Place corn in large bowl, add chopped red peppers, garlic, green peppers, radishes.
- 4. Make creamy lemon dressing in small bowl, combine yogurt, lemon juice, honey, chili powder, and salt. Add to corn salad; toss.
- 5. Place in 4 salad bowls; top as desired with crumbled cheese, chives, cilantro or parsley, pumpkin seeds. Serve with whole cherry peppers on side.

**Cook's Note:** Have some fun; add a flavored honey like radish or Brazilian pepper. I also lined my salad bowl with fresh baby spinach and put the dressed corn salad over the spinach leaves. In the winter, just use defrosted frozen corn.

**About the Recipe:** Grilled corn without a grill is easy to make on the top of the stove in a cast iron pan. Just add lots of flavor popping peppers and toppings to create this creamy lemon dressed easy vegetable salad.

## **Instructions If You Need More Details:**

**Microwave Ears of Corn**: Cut off the silk top and part of the bottom stem on each ear. Run cold water over husk covered corn; place in microwave safe dish. Cook at high power in microwave oven for 4 minutes; alternate corn placement in dish; cook in microwave 2 minutes. Remove from microwave; set aside until able to handle. Remove husk and silk; cut corn off cobs (2 cups corn)

**Quick Grill Corn:** Remove 3 Tablespoons liquid from pepper jar; place in warm 10-inch cast iron pan; place cut corn niblets in even layer over pan bottom; cook over medium high heat lightly grill browning the corn, about 5 minutes; remove corn to large bowl.

**Add Remaining Chopped Vegetables**: Remove roasted red peppers and garlic from liquid in jar; coarsely chop peppers and garlic; add to corn in bowl. Add chopped green peppers and radishes.

**Make Dressing:** In small bowl, combine yogurt, lemon juice, honey, chili powder, and salt. Add to salad; toss to combine.

**Place in Salad Bowls;** sprinkle with desired garnishes: crumbled cheese, chives, cilantro, pumpkin seeds. Yield: 4 salad servings Add some hot or mild cherry peppers on the side.