# **BRAIN BOOSTING FRUIT SALAD**

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Filled with foods that are a great source of antioxidants, this fruit salad comes packed with brain-boosting vitamins including vitamin C, omega-3 fatty acids found in the berries, kiwi, spinach and walnuts.

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup blueberries

1/2 cup dried cranberries

3/4 cup strawberries, sliced

2 kiwifruits, peeled and thinly sliced

5 oz fresh spinach leaves

Leaves from 3/4 head of romaine lettuce

3/4 cup walnuts, chopped

3 oz feta or blue cheese, crumbled (optional)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Rinse all of the fruit and place in a colander lined with paper towels to dry.
- 2 Place the spinach and romaine in a bowl and toss together to mix.
- 3. Arrange berries and kiwi on top of the spinach and lettuce.
- 4. Top with walnuts and feta or blue cheese (if using) and serve immediately.



**NOTE:** Make sure that your fruit is fresh, and that you rinse and dry it completely before getting started.

# CARROT GINGER SOUP

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This Carrot Ginger Soup is a great source of beta-carotene and turmeric. The delicious mix of turmeric, winter squashes and carrots makes it ideal for lunch and goes great with the fruit salad above.



### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped coarsely
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds carrots, peeled and chopped into 2 inch sections
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup milk or cream

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Heat oil in soup pot over medium high heat. Add onion and sauté until soft, about 4-5 minutes.
- 2. Add curry powder & ginger and sauté about one minute.
- 3. Add carrots and salt and cook, stirring, about 5 minutes.
- 4. Add broth and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer on low until carrots are very soft, approximately 15 minutes.
- 5. Remove from heat and puree using an immersion blender, or in batches in a regular blender.
- 6. Put pureed soup into a bowl and stir in milk or cream. Serve immediately.

**NOTE:** Before serving, top with chopped fresh herbs or a few grinds of black pepper.