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Chopped Italian salad with Dijon vinaigrette

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Salad fixin's

1 large head of Romaine lettuce, chopped

1 or 2 yellow, orange or red bell pepper, diced

1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans, drained

11/2 cups of diced salami

1 cup Parano, or white cheddar cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 cup Parmesan cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 large English cucumbers peeled and diced

In a large glass salad bowl, layer lettuce, garbanzo beans, cucumber, salami and cheeses. Toss with dressing and serve with bread or crackers.

Dressing

1/2 cup olive oil

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons fresh basil leaves, finely sliced

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

S&P to taste

Mix all ingredients well and toss over salad.

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