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Mexican Cornbread Layered Salad

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Recipe

Salad

3 cups chopped Romaine Lettuce

3 cups cubed or crumbled cornbread

1 (15 oz.) can black beans, rinsed and drained

1-1/2 cups corn kernels, (fresh or frozen, thawed if frozen)

1 red bell pepper, small diced

1 (15 oz.) can black olives, drained and sliced

3 green onions, finely chopped

4 Roma tomatoes, liquid squeezed out and chopped

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Dressing

1/3 cup regular or light mayonnaise

1/3 cup light or regular sour cream or plain yogurt

1/3 cup lowfat buttermilk

3/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

½ cup fresh lime juice (from about 2 limes)

2 tsp. ground cumin

½ tsp. salt

1 tsp. chili powder

In a blender combine all the dressing ingredients until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use.

In a 9x13 inch pan, layer the ingredients in the following order: lettuce, cornbread, beans, corn, red pepper, olives, green onions, tomatoes and cheese.

Pour the dressing over the cheese. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1-2 hours. Serve chilled.

Side dish - Roasted Tomatoes

1-1/2 pts. Grape or cherry tomatoes, halved $2\ T$ olive oil

Coarse salt and fresh ground pepper to taste Pinch of sugar

Combine tomatoes, olive oil, salt, pepper and sugar. Pour onto a rimmed baking sheet. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees tossing once or twice.

Cornbread Recipe

½ cup cornmeal

1-1/2 cups flour

2/3 cup sugar

1 T baking powder

½ tsp. salt

1/3 cup oil

3 T butter

2 eggs, beaten

1-1/4 cups milk

Combine dry ingredients. Make a well and add oil, butter, eggs, and milk into the center. Stir until just mixed (batter will be runny). Bake in an 8 inch square pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

To make a sturdier and less sweet cornbread for this recipe, I used only 1/3 cup sugar and used ½ cup oil and eliminated the butter.

Tips/Helpful hints

- 1. Make sure each ingredient is well dried before layering so the cornbread won't get soggy.
- 2. If you want more dressing throughout the salad, add ½ of the dressing part way through the layers.
- 3. You can use a trifle dish to layer this, but using a 9x13 dish makes it easier when serving a crowd to get all the ingredients in one scoop.
- 4. Adding chopped, grilled chicken is an option to make this a main dish salad. Or serve with grilled chicken.
- 5. I have used Ranch dressing instead of mixing up the above dressing. My favorite is Gregg's Savory Ranch from the refrigerated section at Costco.
- 6. I used Roasted Grape tomatoes instead of the Roma. Recipe at left.

