

**You will need:** a large bowl, a small head of romaine lettuce (washed, dried, and torn into bite-size pieces), half a red onion (thinly sliced), one cucumber (chopped; you can peel and seed it or not), one tomato (chopped), a few handfuls of pitted kalamata olives, a few handfuls of crumbled feta cheese, a few sprigs of chopped fresh oregano or a dash of dried oregano (optional), half a lemon, olive oil, salt and pepper

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Combine the **lettuce, onion, cucumber, tomato, olives, feta, and oregano** (if using) in the bowl.

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**Squeeze the lemon half** over the salad, drizzle generously with **olive oil**, and add **salt and pepper**.

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**Toss** the salad with your hands and taste to check the seasonings. Add more lemon, oil, salt, or pepper if necessary and serve.

\*From the store to the kitchen to the table: We outline the steps that get you from raw ingredients to your dinner tonight, free of measurements and complicated techniques. It's a method you'll remember and whip out whenever you like. It is the most basic way to make the thing you're making.

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