

# Taco Salad

A meal in a bowl!



Level: Easy

Serves: 8 to 10

## Kids' Tool Kit

Large bowl  
Sharp knife  
Cutting board  
Measuring cup  
Strainer  
Spoon

## Chef's Choice

Taco Salad  
Apple slices  
Chocolate chip  
cookie  
Low fat milk

## Ingredients:

1 small head lettuce, washed and well drained  
1 small onion, diced  
1 tomato, diced  
1 can chili beans  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup tangy low fat French dressing  
2 cups taco chips, crushed



## Directions:

**Remember to wash your hands!**

1. In a large bowl, tear lettuce into bite-size pieces.
2. Add onion, tomato, beans and cheese.
3. Just before serving, add dressing and chips.



**Helpful Hints:** A meal all ages can help prepare! Preschoolers can tear lettuce and crush chips; older kids can dice and drain. Kids are more willing to try new foods if they have had a hand in preparation.

Set ingredients out in individual bowls and let kids "build" their own salads. Adding cooked ground beef is another variation for this salad. You can use a can of kidney beans rinsed and drained plus 1 teaspoon of chili powder instead of chili beans if you like.

Taco salad is a perfect recipe for a picnic. Mix the salad ingredients in a large bowl with a lid. When it's time to eat, add the crushed chips, pour on the dressing, toss and serve.



**Safety Tips:** If there is Taco Salad left at the end of a hot picnic, do not save it for another meal. Remember the rule: If in doubt, toss it out!

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 cup (186g)  
Servings Per Container 8

Amount Per Serving

Calories 230    Calories from Fat 70

% Daily Value\*

Total Fat 8g    12%

Saturated Fat 3.5g    17%

Cholesterol 15mg    5%

Sodium 790mg    33%

Total Carbohydrate 35g    12%

Dietary Fiber 5g    19%

Sugars 8g

Protein 8g

Vitamin A 20%    •    Vitamin C 10%

Calcium 15%    •    Iron 6%

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

Calories: 2,000    2,500

Total Fat    Less than 65g    80g

Saturated Fat    Less than 20g    25g

Cholesterol    Less than 300mg    300mg

Sodium    Less than 2,400mg    2,400mg

Total Carbohydrate    300g    375g

Dietary Fiber    25g    30g

Calories per gram:  
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

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