

Patriotic Berry Salad

WITH APPLE & PINEAPPLE STARS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup strawberries, quartered
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup blackberries
- 1 cup red grapes, halved
- Cubed watermelon
- 1 apple (Honeycrisp or Gala works great)
- 1 cup fresh pineapple slices
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1-2 tablespoons honey (optional, depending on sweetness of fruit)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Wash and dry all berries and grapes. Quarter strawberries and halve grapes. Add everything to a large mixing bowl.
2. Slice the apple horizontally into thin rounds (about 1/4 inch thick).
3. Use a small star-shaped cookie cutter to punch out stars from each slice.
4. Toss the apple stars in a bit of lime juice right away to keep them from browning.
5. If using fresh pineapple, slice into 1/4 inch thick rounds. Remove the core from each round (or cut around it).
6. Use the same small star-shaped cookie cutter to make pineapple stars.
7. Add to the fruit bowl.
8. In a small bowl, whisk together the lime juice, honey (if using), vanilla, and a pinch of salt.
9. Drizzle dressing over the fruit and gently toss to coat.
10. Add apple and pineapple stars last so they stay crisp and visible.
11. Chill or serve immediately!