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## SOUTHWEST GODDESS DRESSING

Dressing made with creamy avocado and garlic - best on Bibb, iceburg and romaine lettuce.

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Featured Food: Avocado

Yield: Makes 3 cups

## **Ingredients**

3 cloves garlic ¼ t. cayenne pepper

 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. shallots, large dice  $\frac{3}{4}$  c. water 2 avocados, pulp only, large  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. olive oil

dice ½ c. chopped cilantro

2-3 T. fresh lime juice Salt and pepper to taste

½ c. sherry vinegar2 t. cumin powder

## **Preparation**

Blend garlic and shallots in food processor for 30 seconds. Scrape down sides of bowl and process again until ingredients are minced. Add avocado pulp, lime juice, vinegar, cumin and cayenne pepper and process for one minute. Scrape down sides of bowl and process again until all ingredients are well blended. Add water and blend for another minute. With food processor running, drizzle in olive oil and continue to run for 30 seconds.

Scrape dressing into mixing bowl. Mix in chopped cilantro. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. For best flavor, let dressing sit for 30 minutes before serving.

Pour it over wedges of sturdy lettuce such as Bibb, iceberg or hearts of Romaine. Toss it with slices of cucumber, celery and carrots. Add rinsed canned beans and cooked grains or pasta for a complete meal.