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# JUDY'S SPECIAL SALAD

comments Can use walnuts if you prefer. Making the dressing, crumbling the cheese, and toasting the pecans can be done notes way ahead. Chop apple at last minute. Serves 4-5 Ingredients 3/4 C extra virgin olive oil Measure prepare in advance 1/4 C balsamic vinegar (or less, to your taste) 1 T maple syrup 1 tsp. dijon mustard Rough chop 1/2 C pecans 1 apple (use a crisp apple such as Granny Smith) Break up into chunks 6 oz. gorgonzola cheese Wash and pat dry 10-12 oz. "designer" lettuces (mixed colors, mixed greens)

# Make salad dressing (or use any balsamic vinaigrette dressing you prefer):

Slowly add olive oil to vinegar, while whisking.

Add maple syrup and mustard; mix in thoroughly (add other seasonings if you wish).

### **Toast pecans**

Put a pat of butter into small pan and sauté until beginning to brown.

Drain on paper towel.

## Complete the salad

Toss lettuce, nuts, cheese, apples, and viniagrette dressing at last minute.