## Salad

## **BLT Salad**

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Servings: 4 Start to Finish Time: 25 minutes

cup whole wheat country bread, cubed
teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
medium tomatoes, divided
tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise
tablespoons chives or green scallions, minced
teaspoons distilled white vinegar
teaspoon garlic powder
freshly ground pepper (to taste)
cups hearts of Romaine lettuce, chopped
slices center-cut bacon, cooked and crumbled

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Toss the bread with oil and spread on a baking sheet. Bake, turning once, until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

Cut one tomato in half. Working over a large bowl, shred both halves using the large holes of a box grater. Discard the skin.

Add the mayonnaise, chives (or scallion greens), vinegar, garlic powder and pepper. Whisk to combine.

Chop the remaining three tomatoes. Add the tomatoes, Romaine and croutons to the bowl with the dressing. Toss to coat. Sprinkle with bacon.

Yield: 4 1 1/4 cup servings

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 76 Calories; 6g Fat (62.7% calories from fat); 1g Protein; 7g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 4mg Cholesterol; 64mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 1 Vegetable; 1 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates.