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Toss together:

4 cups spinach, washed, de-stemmed.

1 cup strawberries, washed and sliced

½ red onion, sliced

4 oz blue cheese crumbles or feta cheese

2 T. Cinnamon Sugar Nuts

Add Strawberry Vinaigrette Dressing to your taste and toss before serving

#### **Cinnamon Sugar Nuts**

3 c. nuts of choice

1 c. sugar

¼ c. water

1 tsp. cinnamon



Combine all ingredients in a skillet over medium heat. Cook until sugar dissolves, stirring constantly.
When sugar has crystalized onto nuts remove from pan and cool on baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

# **Strawberry Vinegar**

3 cups trimmed strawberries (about 1 pound)

2 tablespoons sugar, or to taste

2 cups white balsamic vinegar

Place the berries and the sugar in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until the berries are finely chopped and juicy, but not liquefied. Pour them into a large bowl and stir in the vinegar. Let stand at room temperature for 1 hour. Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a clean bowl and discard the solids. For the clearest vinegar, let the mixture drain without pushing on the pulp with a spoon. Store the vinegar covered and refrigerated for up to 1 week.

# **Strawberry Vinaigrette**

1 cup Strawberry Vinegar

1 cup grapeseed oil or very mild olive oil

Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Pour the vinegar and oil into a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Season with salt and pepper. Close the jar and shake vigorously. Shake again just before serving.

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