

Hints for Homemakers

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For the Bunny Basket

Don't Be Hard-boiled About Boiling Eggs

"Hard-boiled" is a misnomer that can lead to egg blues. Hard-cooked eggs must be properly cooked and cooled to make them come out of the shells easily, keep whites firm and tender and yolks uniformly moist yet firm.

To prepare a perfect hard-cooked egg, cover the

prevent discoloration of yolks.

Warm Eggs First

Remember to bring eggs to room temperature before placing in hot water to cook. To speed up warming, hold eggs under warm running water or place in a pan of warm water for a few seconds.

Another method for hard-cooking eggs is the boiling water method. Place cold eggs in a pan of warm water to prevent cracked shells. Bring enough water to cover eggs to a rapid boil. Transfer eggs from warm water to boiling water with a spoon. Reduce heat to keep water below simmering and hold for 20 min. Cool eggs promptly in cold water.

Peel Off Shell

When eggs are cool enough to handle, crackle the shell. Roll egg between hands to loosen the shell, then peel. Hold the egg under running cold water or dip in a bowl of water and peel off shell.

Eggs are more easily shelled when freshly cooked than after standing in the refrigerator. If eggs are not to be used immediately they can be wrapped separately in transparent plastic film to prevent drying of the surface.



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eggs in a saucepan with lukewarm water, at least one inch above top of eggs. (Never pile eggs over one another.) Heat rapidly to boiling point. Remove pan from heat, cover tightly and allow to stand 15 minutes. Remove eggs immediately and cool under running cold water. Running the eggs under cold water will make the shells easier to remove and help

Mushrooms, Clam Juice Spark Salad

Two unusual salad ingredients—clam juice and mushrooms—make this bowl of tossed greens out of the ordinary.

MUSHROOM SALAD

- 1/4 lb. mushrooms
 - 1/3 cup clam juice
 - 1/3 cup oil
 - 2 tsp. vinegar
 - 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. seasoned salt
 - 1/4 tsp. tarragon, crumbled
 - Hot pepper sauce
 - 1 cup sliced red onion
 - 1 head iceberg lettuce
 - 1 tomato
- Rinse mushrooms and cut off tips of stems. Slice mushrooms lengthwise. Combine clam juice, oil, vinegar, seasoned salt, tarragon and pepper sauce to taste in a large container. Cover tightly and shake well. Add mushrooms and onion and shake to coat. Chill. Tear enough lettuce to make 5 cups. Cut tomato into wedges. Combine with lettuce and mushroom mixture in large salad bowl. Toss lightly. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

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Crunchy Tuna Great Lunch

A crunchy tuna salad with small triangle sandwiches is an excellent choice for a luncheon combination.

TANGY TUNA SALAD

- 7 1/2-oz. can chunk-style tuna
- 1 tart red apple
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup broken cashew nuts
- 1/2 cup Roquefort dressing
- Seasoned salt

Drain and flake tuna. Core and dice unpeeled apple. Combine tuna, apple, celery, cashews and dressing, mixing lightly to coat all ingredients. Season to taste with seasoned salt. Chill for 1 hr. Serve in lettuce-lined salad bowl. Makes 6 servings.



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