CHILLED MELON GAZPACHO

- 1 WHOLE RIPE SUMMER MELON, PEELED AND CUBED, ABOUT 2LBS, CANTELOUPE, HONEYDEW, CHARENTAIS, OR CRENSHAW. DO NOT USE WATERMELON AS IT IS TOO WATERY.
- 1 CUCUMBER, SEEDLESS. PEELED AND CHOPPED
- 1 TABLESPOON RED ONION, MINCED
- 2 TABLESPOONS VINEGAR, SHERRY, CIDER, OR CHAMPAGNE
- HANDFUL OF FRESH HERBS LIKE MINT AND BASIL
- 1/4 CUP GREEK YOGURT, FULL FAT (OPTIONAL)
- 1/4 CUP EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL
- 1. PUREE THE 1ST 5 INGREDIENTS (6 IF USING YOGURT) UNTIL COMPLETELY SMOOTH
- 2. WITH MACHINE ON, DRIZZLE IN OLIVE OIL
- 3. CHILL THOUOUGHLY BEFORE SERVING
- 4. SERVE IN CHILLED BOWLS FOR THE BEST RESULTS

GARNISH WITH FRESH HERBS, TOASTED CROUTONS, MORE OLIVE OIL, PROSCIUTTO, GOAT CHEESE...

SUMMER BERRY VINAIGRETTE

- 1 C BERRIES, FRESH OR FROZEN (IF USING FROZEN BERRIES, THAW BEFORE USING AND USE ALL JUICES) ¼ C LEMON JUICE, FRESHLY SQUEEZED
- 1 TABLESPOON DIJON MUSTARD
- ¼ C VINEGAR (CIDER/WHITE WINE/SHERRY/WHITE BALSAMIC PROVIDE THE BEST COLOR. REGULAR BALSAMIC AND RED WINE ARE DELICIOUS AND WILL DARKEN THE FINAL PRODUCT)
- ¼ C HONEY, AGAVE, MAPLE OR DATE SYRUP
- ½ C OIL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL (CAN SUB ANY OIL)
- 1 TEASPOON SEA SALT (OPTIONAL)
- 1. IN A FOOD PROCEESOR OR USING A WHISK AND BOWL, COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS EXCEPT OIL UNTIL WELL INCORPORATED
- 2. IF YOU ARE USING SALT, WHISK IN
- 3. SLOWLY DRIZZLE OIL IN WHILE COMBINING
- 4. CHILL THOROUGHLY AND COVER TIGHTLY. THIS DRESSING WILL LAST FOR 14 DAYS

THE FUN THING ABOUT THIS RECIPE IS THAT IT IS GOOD FOR ALL KINDS OF ADDITIONS...CHIA & POPPY SEEDS, FRESH CRACKED BLACK PEPPER, FRESH HERBS (BASIL/MINT/TARRAGON ARE AWESOME), TOASTED NUTS OR SEEDS, AND EVEN BACON IS REALLY TASTY. THEY CAN BE ADDED DURING STEP # 3. THIS DRESSING IS GOOD FOR RAW VEGETABLE SALADS, WORKS WITH CHEESES AND GRILLED STUFF LIKE CHICKEN AND FISH.