Panzanella

GOURMET AUGUST 1993 YieldServes 4 to 6

Ingredients

3/4 pound day-old crusty peasant-style whole-grain bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 6 cups)

2 large tomatoes (about 1 pound), trimmed and each cut into 8 wedges

3/4 cup sliced cucumber

1/2 cup sliced Noonday sweet onion

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons red-wine vinegar

10 fresh basil leaves, shredded

Preparation

In a serving bowl stir together the bread, the tomatoes, the cucumber, the onion, the oil, the vinegar, the basil, and salt and pepper to taste until the salad is combined well.