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Creamy hummus is a crowd favourite for vegetarians and meat lovers alike. Top it with all kinds of goodies and a generous amount of extra virgin olive oil to make a show-stopping table centrepiece as a starter or snack. Serve with crudités, crackers, Melba toast or breadsticks.

Note: You'll save some time by using canned chickpeas instead of cooking from dried chickpeas.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 6

2 x 400 g canned chickpeas, drained 1/4 cup (60 ml) tahini/sesame paste 1/3 cup (80 ml) fresh lemon juice 1 small clove garlic, finely grated salt, to taste 1/2 teaspoon (2,5 ml) ground cumin 15 ml extra virgin olive oil 1/4-1/2 cup (60-125 ml) water

For the topping: (adjust to your preference)

olives roasted almonds, roughly chopped toasted sesame seeds fresh parsley, chopped fresh dill, chopped red onion, finely sliced baby radish, finely sliced/shaved capers ground smoked paprika extra virgin olive oil, for drizzling

To serve: (choose whatever you prefer)

vegetable sticks (carrots, cucumber, broccolini, mange tout, baby corn, etc.) crackers/Melba toast/breadsticks

METHOD

Make the hummus:

Place all the ingredients except the water in a food processor or high-powered food blender. Mix well. Add water until you have a spreadable, creamy consistency.

Continue to blend until the texture is very smooth - about 5 minutes in total. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary.

Transfer to a wide bowl and swirl to form a wide surface for the toppings.

Top generously with the toppings and drizzle with olive oil. Serve with crudités, crackers or breadsticks.

TIP: Store hummus covered in the fridge until ready to plate and top. When cold, the hummus texture might be a little stiff. Add a tablespoon of recently boiled water and give it a good stir to loosen up before serving.

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