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Electric orange rounds of slightly sweet carrot marry perfectly with cumin, lemon juice, and garlic. Visually appetizing on a buffet of Sephardic mezze, great with summer barbecues, Moroccan carrot salad is versatile and easy to prepare.

Many times, the carrots in versions I have tasted are too soft and beginning to disintegrate. You should only cook the carrots for 8 minutes in boiling water, in order to leave them 'just cooked' not too soft. Thank you to my Israeli friend Nina for



- 8 large carrots, peeled
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 large cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon jalapeño pepper, finely minced
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons , finely chopped fresh cilantro



Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Place whole carrots in boiling water and cook until just cooked through (not too soft), about 8 minutes. Test by pushing a thin knife through carrot. It should go through with just a little bit of resistance. Drain carrots



When carrots are cool, slice them in one quarter inch thick circles. Place carrots in a medium salad bowl. Place salad dressing ingredients in a separate pitcher or measure. When you are choosing garlic make sure to choose cloves that are firm and almost crisp with absolutely no green shoots coming out. If there are green shoots coming out garlic, it does not have a good flavor.

Stir dressing ingredients together. Pour dressing over carrots and toss. The carrot salad is best if made a few hours ahead of time and allowed to sit in refrigerator. Leftovers keep



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