

Strawberries

SELECT

Look for strawberries that are firm, plump, are a rich red color, and dry with green stems. Avoid strawberries that have a lot of seeds in the tips or have wilted leaves.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Place berries into a colander. Rinse with cool running water right before eating.

Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. Keep in ventilated container or in a partially open plastic bag.

Nutrition

Fiber: helps reduce cholesterol levels and may lower your risk of heart disease.

Vitamin C: helps heal cuts and helps the immune system.



Uses

Eat whole or cut strawberries into slices. Add berries to your favorite oatmeal or yogurt, or mix into a smoothie. Berries can also be a great addition to a summer salad.











Recipe: Berry Banana Popsicles

Ingredients:

- 1 cup strawberries, diced
- 1 medium banana, diced
- 2 cups vanilla yogurt

Instructions:



Stir all ingredients together in a medium bowl. Pour mixture into popsicle molds or small paper cups with wooden sticks. Freeze for at least 6 hours.

Tips: Blend all ingredients in blender until smooth.

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Recipe: Frozen Yogurt Bark

Ingredients:

- 2 cups vanilla yogurt
- 1½ cups strawberries, raspberries or blueberries (chopped)
- 3 Tablespoons coconut flakes
- 2 Tablespoons sliced almonds

Instructions:

- 1. Line a baking sheet with wax paper or parchment paper.
- 2. Spread yogurt thinly (1/4 inch or less) and evenly on pan.
- 3. Sprinkle strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, coconut flakes, and sliced almonds on top of the yogurt. Press down gently to make sure the mixture is in the yogurt. Freeze for at least 3 hours.
- 4. Soften on the counter for about 5 minutes. Cut or break bark into pieces. Serve or store in the freezer in an airtight container for up to 2 months.

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