Lemony Lentil-Rice Salad with Hazelnuts EASY RECIPE

- 3 tbsp **hazeInut** halves
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium carrot, diced
- 1 tbsp finely chopped shallots
- 1½ cups cooked lentils (see cooking tip)
- 1½ cups cooked brown rice
- 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped (or ½ tsp dried)

- **1.** Toast hazelnuts in a hot, dry skillet about 2 minutes; watch closely to prevent burning. Remove and cool on a paper towel.
- 2. In same skillet, heat oil over medium heat; sauté carrot and shallots 2-3 minutes. Gently combine skillet mixture in a large bowl with lentils and rice.
- 3. Stir in lemon juice, thyme and nuts. Serve on a bed of greens with grape tomatoes.

Toppers: Try a small scoop of non-fat plain yogurt or crumbled goat cheese.

MAKES 4 SERVINGS.

231 calories | 9.2g protein | 6.8g total fat | 1.0g sat fat | 4.9g mono fat | 2.6g poly fat | 0.0mg cholesterol | 34.8g carbohydrate | 2.4g sugar | 7.9g fiber | 2mg sodium