## TURKISH BULGUR SALAD

## **INGREDIENTS**

2 cups Bulgur Wheat dry (I used Turkish Bulgur)

3 cups boiling water

1/4 cup tomato paste

2 tablespoons roasted red pepper paste

1 tsp. Salt or more to taste

1/4 cup olive oil I used Turkish Olive Oil
1 cup cucumber diced

1 red bell pepper diced

3/4 cup green onion chopped

1/3 cup fresh parsley chopped

3/4 tsp. Cumin powder or 7 spice

1 lemon juiced

2 tbps. pomegranate molasses

1/3 cup purple onion optional

2 tablespoons Jalapeño Pepper optional if you like spicy

## **METHOD**

Step 1

In a bowl, soak the bulgur with the boiling water for 20-30 minutes, mixing occasionally until they are soft and tender. Bulgur should not be chewy.

Step 2

Meanwhile dice and chop all your ingredients.

Step 3

In a frying pan bring the olive oil, salt, tomato and pepper paste to simmer and keep cooking on low for about 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally to form a creamy tomato paste base. Turn off the heat.

Step 4

Add in the bulgur and mix to coat well with the tomato paste. Allow the bulgur to cool down for about 10 minutes.

Step 5

In a bowl, add in all the salad ingredients with the bulgur, pomegranate molasses, lemon juice and cumin. Taste to see if you prefer to add more salt.

Step 6

Serve right away or cool in the fridge to serve cold.

