Lemon Herb Lentil Salad with Fresh Arugula

1 cup dried lentils
2 T white balsamic vinegar
1 fresh squeezed lemon
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tsp fresh rosemary
1 tsp fresh thyme
1/2 tsp cumin
1/2 tsp sea salt
Fresh cracked pepper to taste
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 cups fresh garden arugula
1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup crumbled feta or goat cheese (optional)

In a large saucepan, place rinsed lentils and cover with water 2 inches above the lentils. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutues or until tender. Drain well.

In a separate bowl, combine white balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, rosemary, thyme, cumin, salt and pepper in a medium bowl and whisk until blended. Slowly whisk in olive oil to blend.

In a large bowl, drizzle vinaigrette over cooked lentils and gently toss. Add in arugula and tomatoes and top with crumbled cheese to serve.

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