

Herb Jam

Ingredients:

5 Cups hearty greens, such as Swiss chard, kale, & collards, wilted is fine

3 Cups tender herbs, such as parsley, cilantro, basil & tarragon, wilted is fine

2 cloves garlic

¼ Cup plus 1 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

4 kalamata olives, pitted and finely chopped

1 teaspoon capers, drained and finely chopped, optional

Large pinch brown or granulated sugar, plus more to taste

Pinch crushed red pepper flakes, more to taste

Kosher salt to taste

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice or white wine vinegar

Instructions:

- 1. Remove the stems from the greens and herbs. Roughly chop or tear the leaves.
- 2. Set a steamer basket in a large saucepan filled with 2 inches of water. Bring to a boil and add the greens, herbs and garlic. Cover, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until all greens and the garlic are tender, about 10 minutes. (Tougher greens like collards may take 5 minutes more.) Remove from the heat and let the mixture stand until cool enough to handle. Chop finely; you're looking to make a rough paste.
- 3. Heat ¼ cup of the olive oil in a medium pot over medium heat. Add the olives and capers if using and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the chopped greens mixture, sugar, red pepper flakes and a large pinch of salt. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring constantly, until the greens have cooked down and dried out some, about 4 minutes. Stir in the remaining 1 Tablespoon olive oil and the lemon juice. Adjust the seasoning with more salt and sugar if needed.
- 4. Let cool to room temperature. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Serving Suggestion:

Spread herb jam on toast with feta or goat cheese for a quick snack. Herb jam is also delicious mixed into eggs for breakfast.