Sweet & Savory Power Tuna Salad



TIP: This **quick & easy tuna salad** not only substitutes **mayonnaise**, which is both high in calories and fat, with high protein **non-fat plain Greek yogurt** but also uses **fresh apple**, **dried cranberries** and **sun dried tomatoes** for a uniquely flavorful, nutrition-rich alternative to plain tuna salad. (See the table under the <u>Equipment</u> picture below for a regular mayonnaise to non-fat Greek yogurt nutrition comparison.)

Preparation Time: 7 - 10 minutes

Ingredients (for 2-3)

12 Ounce Can of Tuna (packed in water) 1 Apple (I'm using a Granny Smith apple, but any apple will work) 1 Tablespoon of Non-Fat Plain Greek Yogurt 1 Teaspoon Sweet Pickle Relish 1 Teaspoon Mustard Sun Dried Tomatoes (optional) Dried Cranberries (can be substituted with any dried fruit)



Equipment

Can Opener Medium Sized Bowl Cutting Board Short Bladed (Paring) Knife Fork Tablespoon Teaspoon



MAYONNAISE VS. NON-FAT GREEK YOGURT

Most importantly, when comparing nutrition labels, make sure first to note serving sizes as circled below.



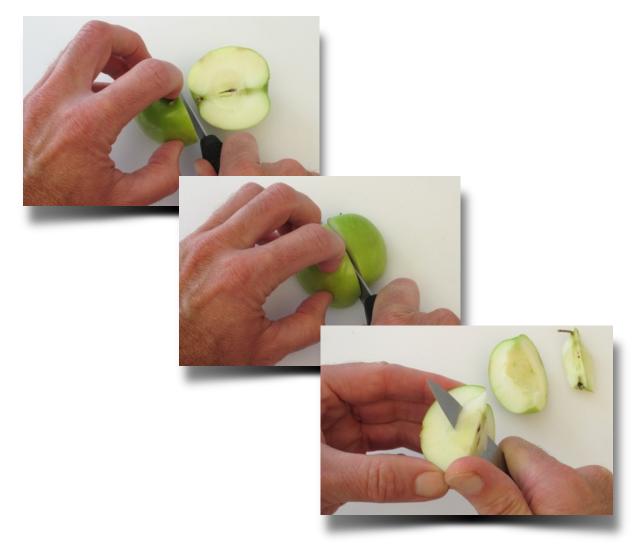
The serving size listed on the **mayonnaise** label is 1 tablespoon, or about 1/2 ounce. The serving size for the **nonfat Greek yogurt** is 1 cup, or 8 ounces. That means you either have to multiply the nutritional values on the mayonnaise label by 16 (there are 16 tablespoons in 1 cup/8 ounces) or divide what you see on the non-fat Greek yogurt label below by the same 16 (1 cup = 16 tablespoons) to make a fair comparison. The table below compares the nutritional value of 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise to 1 tablespoon of Greek yogurt. The difference is significant!

Values Per Tablespoon	Mayonnaise	Non-Fat Greek Yogurt
Calories	100	8
Calories From Fat	100	0
Total Fat	11 grams/17% DV	0
Cholesterol	10 mg/3% DV	< 1 mg
Sodium	65 mg/3% DV	7 mg
Carbohydrates	0	< 1 gram
Sugar	0	< 0.5 grams
Protein	0	~ 1.5 grams

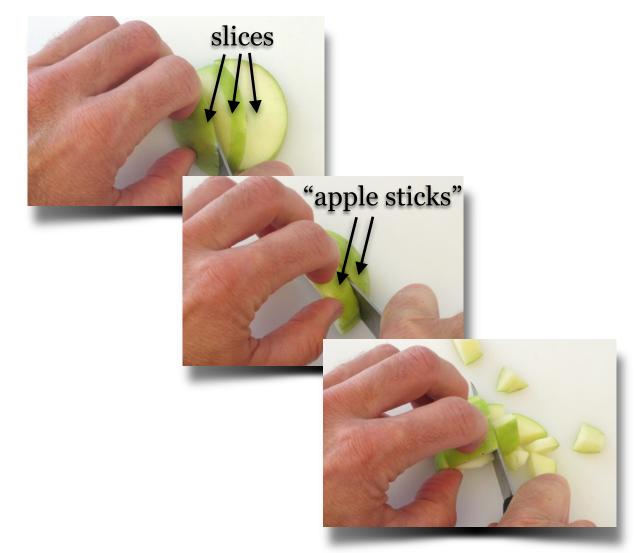
1. Give an **apple** a good hand scrubbing rinse in the sink.



Cut the **apple** in half from the **apple stem** to **bottom**. Cut each **apple half** in half lengthwise, and carefully carve out the **apple core** from **each apple quarter**.



Cut each apple quarter into 2-3 lengthwise slices. Then stack those slices together with the cuts you made parallel to the cutting board, make another lengthwise cut to make "apple sticks", and cut those "apple sticks" in cross section into pieces about 1/2 inch (12 mm) wide.



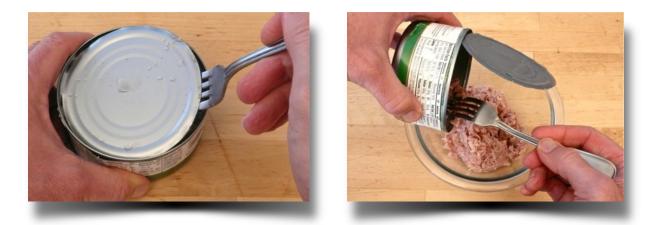
2. If you're using **sun dried tomatoes**, use a fork to hold **3 - 4 sun dried tomatoes** to the cutting board and cut them into smaller pieces about as shown in the right picture below.



3. Use a can opener to open <u>most of the tuna can top</u> as shown in the top left picture below. Then use your thumb to squeeze the can top into the **tuna** in the can over the sink to drain as much **water** as possible.



Use a fork (NOT YOUR FINGERS) to pry the can top open, and scoop the **tuna** into a bowl.



4. Add 1 tablespoon non-fat plain Greek yogurt, 1 teaspoon sweet pickle relish, 1 teaspoon mustard.



Top with the **chopped apple** and **sun dried tomatoes** (optional) and about 1/2 handful dried cranberries (or any other dried fruit).





5. Finish by using a fork to combine **all the ingredients** until they are uniformly mixed together as shown in the insert picture below.



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