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with **Marcia Selden Catering**



## Rainbow Carrot Ribbon Salad with Preserved Lemon Vinaigrette

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 preserved lemon
- 1 cup champagne vinaigrette
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup safflower oil
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup olive oil
- 2 lb. rainbow carrots, sliced lengthwise on mandolin
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Italian parsley leaves, roughly chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Edible flowers, for garnish (we like nasturtium)

### PREPARATION

In a food processor or blender, combine first four ingredients and set aside. Place the carrots in ice water for one hour. Take them out, pat dry and toss with the vinaigrette. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste, parsley, and edible flowers for garnish.

**Q:** I want a summer salad that's light, fun and unpredictable. Any suggestions?

**A:** The best part about summer cooking is not cooking at all. This simple yet sophisticated carrot salad speaks to the beauty of seasonal recipes, using a small list of fresh ingredients to create an unexpected summer side. After your guests are done gushing over the display of the colorful vegetables and delicate flowers, they'll delight in the tangy crunch of the pasta-like ribbons. You'll never want to serve cole slaw again!

## AT YOUR SERVICE

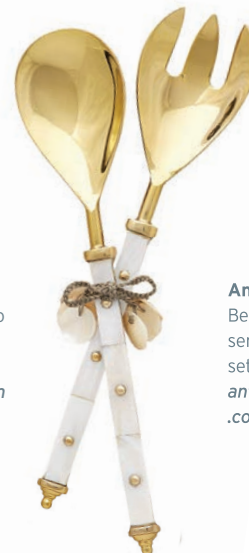
Presentation is key, so dole out your dishes in style. Having serveware in multiple finishes will come in handy as your menu changes.



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