

Basil Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

2 tablespoons minced shallot

2 tablespoons chopped basil

2 tablespoons chopped chives

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

1 small clove garlic, minced

2 teaspoons lemon juice or white wine

vinegar

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons yogurt or sour cream

1 cup well-shaken buttermilk

Salt

freshly ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika, optional

Honey, as needed

Yields approx. 2 cups.

In a jar with a tight fitting lid, combine shallot, herbs, garlic, lemon juice (or vinegar), mayonnaise, and yogurt (or sour cream). Screw on the the lid and shake the jar to combine. Stir in most of the buttermilk. Check for consistency, and add more if needed. Taste, then season with salt, pepper and paprika. If the dressing is too sharp, drizzle in some honey to mellow the acidity. Taste again, and adjust if needed.

Cover and refrigerate for an hour before using, to allow the flavors to blend and develop.

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