



"Hands down my favorite winter green is Romaine lettuce, along with good ol' broccoli," says Iva Young, author of Healthy Mom: Simple Knowledge About Nutrition That All Moms Should Know! (Yorkshire, 2010). She tosses this tasty duo into a simple salad with tomatoes and homemade dressing (made by combining 1 tsp. of extra virgin olive oil, 5 Tbs. of white vinegar and a pinch of seasoning salt). "This salad complements every meal," Young says. "It's such a relief because I used to struggle thinking that I had to vary my vegetables to complement the flavors of certain meats and sides, but that isn't the case." Young loves this salad so much, she serves it almost daily. "To say that I feel good after I eat it would be an understatement," she raves. "I feel empowered and infused with energy without feeling weighed down. I don't feel as good if I go a day without it."

How they ward off fatigue: Romaine and broccoli are both loaded with B vitamins. which boost the liver's ability to convert dietary sugars and starches into cellular energy.

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How it beautifies: Swiss chard is a top source of antioxidant vitamin A, which helps boost skin-cell production to ward off fine lines, according to researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. And chard's vitamin C helps build collagen to keep skin elastic and supple.

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