

Pumpkin Dip

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (1-pound) can pumpkin puree or 2 cups fresh
- 1 cup brown sugar or confectioner's sugar (or more to taste)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon orange or lemon zest

Cream the cream cheese and pumpkin together in a large bowl. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Taste and adjust the sugar, if necessary. Chill.

Presentation Idea: Serve in (what else?) a small hollowed-out pumpkin, if desired.

Serve with your choices of:

- Apple wedges, banana rounds, cherries, or other fruit
- Sugar cookies, vanilla wafers, ginger snaps
- Crackers, toast points

Or serve as a spread on:

- Crackers, toast points, mini-bagels, gingerbread, graham crackers or pound cake.
- Spread on/between slices of crustless white or brown bread and cut into quarters, tea sandwich style, or into cookie cutter shapes.



Hot Pizza Dip

Prep Time:
10 Min

Cook Time:
5 Min

Ready In:
15 Min

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup pizza sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped green bell pepper
- 2 ounces pepperoni sausage, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sliced black olives

Directions

1. In a small bowl, mix together the cream cheese, oregano, parsley, and basil.
2. Spread mixture in the bottom of a 9 inch pie plate, or a shallow microwave-safe dish. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese and 1/2 cup of the Parmesan cheese on top of the cream cheese mixture. Spread the pizza sauce over all. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, then top with green pepper, pepperoni and olive slices. Cover, and microwave for 5 minutes. Serve hot.

