



Holiday Appetizers

Description



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Easy Fiesta Christmas Tree Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
- Yellow or green bell pepper
- 1 piece (2 inches) green onion
- 1/4 cup Old El Paso® Thick & Chunky salsa
- 1/4 cup apricot preserves or orange marmalade

1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro

Assorted tortilla chips, crackers or sliced vegetables, if desired

Directions:

1. Cut block of cream cheese diagonally in half; arrange on serving plate with shallow rim to form triangle.
2. Cut star out of bell pepper with star-shaped cookie cutter; place at top of tree. Place green onion piece at base of tree.
3. Mix salsa and preserves; spoon over cream cheese. Sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips.

You could also make this using a store bought pepper jelly and serve it with crackers which is what I plan on doing.

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I loved this idea of using rosemary to form a wreath and placing olives, mozzarella cheese balls and tomatoes on it for an easy yet festive appetizer. I have many ideas pinned to my Christmas board on

pinterest, but these are two I particularly liked because they are easy yet look like you spent a lot of time. You can follow me on pinterest by clicking the P on the top right of my blog.

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