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Cheddar Cheese Nippers



A crispy cheesy cracker that is very similar to the one that you grew up with -- but with a few additions (or not), they can be a wonderful appetizer. But watch out, they are addictive.

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Cook: 15 mins

Additional: 30 mins

Total: 1 hr 15 mins

Prep: 30 mins

Servings: 18

Yield: 36 crackers



Ingredients

1½ cups all-purpose flour

2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

½ cup butter at room temperature

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper, or to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Place the flour, Cheddar cheese, butter, salt, and cayenne pepper into the work bowl of a food processor, and pulse until well mixed, about 10 times. Scrape the mixture out onto a well-floured work surface, and gather the dough into a ball. Roll the dough out into a 1/8-inch thick layer. If dough is too sticky, refrigerate for about 15 minutes before rolling. Cut the dough into shapes with a biscuit cutter, cookie cutter, or ravioli cutter. Gently lay the cut-out crackers onto the parchment paper.

Bake in the preheated oven just until the crackers start to turn golden brown at the edges, 11 to 13 minutes. Allow to cool on the sheet for about 10 minutes before removing to finish cooling on racks.

Cook's Note

Optional: instead of cayenne pepper, use 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 134 calories; protein 4.3g; carbohydrates 8.1g; fat 9.4g; cholesterol 26.7mg; sodium 179.1mg.