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# Preparing for Holiday Celebrations

## Cheese Balls

### **Ingredients**

Base Recipe:

- 1/2 cup(s)(1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 3 package(s) (8 ounces each) cream cheese
- 2 tablespoon(s) fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon(s) Worcestershire sauce
- 5 dash(es) hot sauce (such as Tabasco)
- 1/2 teaspoon(s) coarse salt
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) freshly ground white pepper

### Cheddar and Cranberry:

- · 8 ounce(s) sharp orange cheddar cheese, finely shredded
- 2 tablespoon(s) store-bought chutney
- 3/4 cup(s) dried cranberries, finely chopped
- · Water crackers, for serving

### Requefort and Walnut:

- 6 ounce(s) Roquefort cheese
- 1 shallot, minced (1 tablespoon)
- 2 teaspoon(s) brandy (optional)
- 1 cup(s) toasted walnuts, coarsely chopped
- Vegetable chips (such as Terra Chips Sweets & Beets), for serving

### Goat Cheese and Scallions:

- 8 ounce(s) goat cheese
- 2 tablespoon(s) finely chopped scallions
- 1/3 cup(s) fresh curly-leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 1 English cucumber, cut into 1/8-inch-thick slices, for serving

### **Directions:**

- 1. Put butter, cream cheese, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, hot sauce, salt, and pepper into the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment; mix on medium speed until combined. Divide equally among 3 medium bowls.
- 2. Stir cheddar cheese and chutney with base mixture in the first bowl. Form into a ball. If not using immediately, refrigerate up to 3 days or freeze up to 1 month. Roll cheese ball in cranberries to coat before serving. Serve with crackers.
- 3. Stir blue cheese and shallot with base mixture in second bowl; add brandy, if desired. Form into a ball. If not using immediately, refrigerate up to 3 days; freeze up to 1 month. Roll in walnuts to coat before serving. Serve with chips.
- 4. Stir goat cheese and scallions with base mixture in remaining bowl. Form into a ball. If not using immediately, refrigerate up to 3 days or freeze up to 1 month. Roll in parsley to coat before serving. Serve with cucumber slices

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