Baked Stuffed Jalapeños



Serves: 12

Developed by Greg Strahm, The Silver Chef This is my version of the Jalapeno Popper. It is a bold, spicy hors d'oeuvres excellent for Tapas. The seeds are what give the heat to the jalapeno. So make sure you remove all of the seeds before stuffing. This is a great passed hors d'oeuvres, an appetizer, or as a tapas dish.

Yield: 24 halves

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

12	jalapeño peppers, split lengthwise and seeded
1/2 cup	onion, minced
1/4 cup	fresh cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon	fresh oregano, chopped
2 teaspoons	ground cumin
1 cup	pepper jack cheese, shredded
1 (8-ounce) package	cream cheese, at room temperature
1/2 pound	chorizo, browned and crumbled
1 tablespoon	fresh lime juice
	salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Directions:

1. In a large skillet on medium high heat add onions, cumin, paprika and saute until onions

are soft.

- 2. Add garlic, oregano and chorizo. Brown and breakup into crumbles.
- 3. Salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Drain excess oil from pan and set chorizo aside to cool.
- 5. In a large mixing bowl mix together the cheeses, cilantro, and lime juice until well incorporated.
- 6. Add Chorizo mixture and mix until well blended.
- 7. Pack the filling into the peppers and arrange peppers on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- 8. Bake for 20-30 minutes at 375° F, or until the cheese is bubbly and lightly browned, and the peppers are cooked.
- 9. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes before serving.

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