Make cracker snacks for game day

Ritz churros

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 6 ounces Ritz crackers (54 crackers)

Instructions

Mix cinnamon and granulated sugar. Set aside. In a big bowl, mix butter, vanilla, and brown sugar. Add crackers; toss. Add cinnamon-sugar mixture. Toss again. Spread crackers on baking sheet. Bake at 300° F until golden, 15 minutes. Makes 4 cups.

Ranch saltines

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons powdered ranch dressing mix
- 8 ounces mini saltine crackers (about 4 cups)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Instructions

Combine butter and ranch dressing mix in a large bowl. Add the mini saltine crackers and toss gently to coat. Spread the crackers on a baking sheet in a single layer and bake at 300° F until golden, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven, and sprinkle the saltines with the fresh dill before serving. Makes 4 cups.

Old Bay oyster crackers

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning, plus more for topping, if desired
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- One 8-ounce box oyster crackers (about 4 cups)

Instructions

Combine butter, Old Bay, and Worcestershire sauce in a large bowl. Add oyster crackers and toss to coat. Spread crackers on a baking sheet in a single layer and bake at 300° F until golden, about 15 minutes. Sprinkle with more Old Bay, if desired. Makes 4 cups.



ECO TIP CUT DOWN ON PREWEEK PARTY WASTE

With a little planning, you can make your Super Bowl party an environmentally friendly one. First, aim to reduce party waste. Keep paper trash to a minimum and out of landfills by using washable plates and glasses. If you expect you may have leftovers, send guests home with food packed in reusable containers. (You can also ask your guests to bring their own containers.) Keep party decorations simple and try using objects from around your home. A football helmet you already have could be placed on a table or counter, for example. Make sure you clearly label bins for guests to deposit trash or recyclables.

