

Score Big With Easy, Upscale Snacks

All-Star Appetizer Ideas For Your Big Game Party

(NAPSA)—To score points with sports fans, it's important to know the essentials of a great game-day party: a good rivalry, a high-definition television, ample seating and, of course, lots of tasty snacks.

The next time the gang comes over to watch the game, however, you may want to skip the chips-and-salsa routine and liven up your spread by adding some creative twists to your game-day snacks.

For example, experts at New York Style, the original makers of Bagel Crisps, offer plenty of recipe ideas and entertaining tips that are bound to impress your guests at your next get-together. Start by planning out snack platter ideas so the snacks are put together before guests arrive and the game starts. That way, you can enjoy the party and minimize time spent in the kitchen. Some ideas for a super snack lineup include:

- Trade up frozen pizza for freshly made pizza bites. To prepare the bites, layer pizza sauce, chopped pepperoni or salami and shredded mozzarella over a tray of Bagel Crisps. Pop them in the oven at 425° F until the cheese is melted and then add a small basil leaf garnish.

- Liven up your hummus platter with some extras. Spread two containers of plain hummus on a serving plate and top with three-quarters of a cup of chopped Kalamata olives and two tablespoons of Greek vinaigrette. Sprinkle the top of the hummus with chopped parsley and serve your dressed-up hummus platter with Bagel Crisps and pita chips.



Taking a break from the usual snacks can be a great way to add a little adventure to your next “big game” party.

- Offer up a build-your-own sandwich bite tray. Prepare a tray of bite-sized deli meats, cheeses and garnishes that your guests can use to build sandwich bites atop a Bagel Crisp.

- Make the easiest bruschetta ever. Take your favorite jarred bruschetta and pair it with New York Style Panetini, a traditional Italian toast that is seasoned for you and ready to go straight from the bag.

- Don't forget something for the sweet tooth. Mix up some mascarpone cheese and mini chocolate chips and serve with cinnamon raisin Bagel Crisps or cinnamon sugar pita chips.

As a finishing touch, make sure to have lots of chilled beverages on hand near your snacks so your guests will be able to quench their thirst without missing a play.

Whether your team wins or loses, your guests are sure to go home happy when you serve up an all-star lineup of snacks. For more recipe ideas and party tips, visit www.newyorkstyle.com.