

Stuffed-Pepper Bites



Make the most of the bags of mini bell peppers cropping up at markets everywhere. Food director Lucinda Scala Quinn came up with this quick appetizer.

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- Yield Makes 24

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground meat
 - 1 cup cooked, cooled rice
 - 1 teaspoon coarse salt
 - 1 bag mini bell peppers
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- **Vietnamese Pork Filling**
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1 tablespoon minced lemongrass
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
 - 1 tablespoon minced shallots

Directions

- Mix ground meat with rice, salt, and a few flavorful ingredients.
- Spoon filling into each half of the mini bell peppers
- Broil on a baking sheet on the center rack until meat is cooked, about 8 minutes.

NOTE: Much better with sausage than ground pork. Do not increase quantity of meat.

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- **Greek Lamb Filling**

- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese

- **Italian Turkey Filling**

- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red-pepper flakes (optional)
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

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