

Fine Gifts Can Come In Crock

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Just in time for holiday entertaining the American Blue Cheese Association comes along with a host of suggestions for gift-giving and your own party menus.

During the holidays, when you're invited to call on friends and relatives, take along a decorative cheese crock filled with a delectable cheese spread accented with American blue cheese.

A tangy blend of cheeses and spices, the quick-mix dip is made by mixing together one part American blue cheese to three parts grated cheddar cheese. For each cup of cheese used, add any or all of these ingredients: a dash of salt; 1/4 teaspoon each of dry mustard and Worcestershire sauce; and one teaspoon each of butter, minced onion, and cracked pepper (optional). Slowly blend in buttermilk until mixture reaches the consistency of soft cheese spreads.



To pack the cheese spread, make your own colorful crocks by decorating plastic containers (such as those in which cottage cheese, ice cream, or process cheese spreads are sold).

The crocks can be covered with stick-on paper or regular Christmas paper attached with rubber cement or tape. For a freely opening lid, be sure to tuck the upper edge of the cover fabric up under the "lip" of the container. On lid exterior, cover only the product label, leaving lid sides unencumbered. Decorate with Christmas notions.

For a usable handle, loop ribbon under container (before covering) then tie in a bow on top. Or, simply stripe your container with bright holiday packaging tapes.

TANGY BLUE cheese sparks up the flavor of many foods including:

- For your relish tray, stuff deviled eggs with crumbles of tangy American blue.
- Equal portions of cream cheese and tangy American blue makes a wonderful stuffing for crisp celery.
- A nice spread for your holiday dinner rolls is whipped butter accented with crumbles of American blue cheese.
- Crumble American blue cheese into your favorite bottled French dressing for a quick and easy gourmet salad dressing.
- Fruit gelatin molds, accented with tangy American blue, will please your holiday dinner guests.
- Mix crumbled American blue cheese into mayonnaise and spoon on top of drained fruit cocktail. This makes a delicious fruit cup to "start" your holiday dinner.
- Bacon, mayonnaise, turkey and crumbled American blue cheese on toast will make a delicious post-holiday sandwich.
- Crumble American blue on top of sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle a bit of oregano on top and broil for a delectable meat accompaniment.

PINEAPPLE-BLUE CANAPES

Simply blend 1/2 cup (about 3 oz.) crumbled American blue cheese with one 3-oz. package softened cream cheese. Mix in 1/2 cup drained, crushed pineapple. Spread on wheat bread cut in party shapes.

BLUE STEAK SAUCE

Blend together three parts American blue cheese (crumbled) to one part soft butter. Add a small amount of Worcestershire sauce to taste. Blend.

Spread one to two tablespoons sauce on steak (depending upon size) several minutes before removing steak from broiler. Topping should be bubbling when served.

Other uses: As topping for hash browned or cottage fried potatoes; as sauce for broiled, fried, or roasted beef entrees.



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