## **DINNERLY**



# Appy Hour! Parmesan-Ranch Cheese Ball

with Garlic Crostini





Cheese balls are a reason to celebrate in themselves. They're an umamipacked source of comfort if you ask us. They're there for you in the good times and the bad, and with a side of thinly sliced crostini, they're a match made in heaven. Particularly this one, a literal mash-up of our two favorite flavors-Parmesan cheese and ranch. We've got you covered! (2p-plan serves 4; 4p-plan serves 8)

#### WHAT WE SEND

- · 8 oz cream cheese 1
- · 2 (34 oz) Parmesan 1
- 1/4 oz fresh chives
- 1/4 oz ranch seasoning 1
- 1 baguette <sup>2</sup>
- · 2 oz salted almonds 3

#### WHAT YOU NEED

- freshly ground black pepper
- olive oil
- garlic

#### **TOOLS**

- · microplane or grater
- stand mixer or hand-held electric mixer
- · rimmed baking sheet

#### **COOKING TIP**

Take out cream cheese to soften at room temperature at least 30 minutes before starting.

#### **ALLERGENS**

Milk (1), Wheat (2), Tree Nuts (3). May contain traces of other allergens.

Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### **NUTRITION PER SERVING**

Calories 370kcal, Fat 26g, Carbs 24g, Protein 12g



### 1. Prep ingredients

Remove **cream cheese** from fridge and allow to come to room temperature (see cooking tip!).

Finely grate **all of the Parmesan**. Thinly slice **chives**. Peel **1 large clove garlic**, keeping it whole for step 4.



#### 2. Make cheese ball

In a the bowl of an electric mixer, beat to combine cream cheese, Parmesan, ranch powder, half of the chives, and a few grinds of pepper until completely smooth. Transfer to a large piece of plastic wrap and gently form into a ball. Twist plastic wrap closed and refrigerate cheese ball at least 1½ hours or overnight.



#### 3. Prep crostini

While **cheese ball** chills, preheat oven to 400°F with a rack in the center. Cut **baguette** in half lengthwise, then cut each half crosswise into ¼-inch slices. Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle both sides with **oil** 



#### 4. Bake crostini

Bake **crostini** on center oven rack until golden-brown, flipping once, 5–7 minutes per side. Remove from oven; let cool slightly and lightly rub one side of each crostini with **whole garlic clove**.



5. Finish & serve

When ready to serve, coarsely chop almonds. On a large plate or cutting board, toss to combine chopped almonds and remaining chives. Roll chilled cheeseball in the almond mixture to coat, sprinkling the mixture over top and patting into the sides.

Serve Parmesan-ranch cheeseball with garlic crostini. Enjoy!



#### 6. Add veggies!

Garlicky crostini are deeeelicious, but, if you want to offer friends and fam a low-carb or gluten-free vessel for devouring the cheese ball goodness, then simply slice up your favorite raw veggies: sweet bell peppers, raw broccoli or cauli florets, carrot and celery sticks are all classics.