



Pumpkin/Football (*shaped*) Cheese Ball

4 oz cream cheese, room temperature/softened

½ T minced onion

2 T salsa

½ t cumin

Heaping ¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese

large handful tortilla, crushed

piece of celery or green pepper stem for pumpkin stem, bay or basil leaves for leaves

Sour cream for football ties

In a large bowl, mash together cream cheese, onion, salsa and cumin. Stir in cheddar cheese. With slightly dampened hands, shape into a ball (pumpkin). Sprinkle crushed tortilla chips onto ball and gently press down.

For pumpkin; Place ball on platter and push celery or pepper into top for a stem. Push bay or basil leaves in next to stem for leaves.

For football; add a tablespoon of sour cream in to a piping bag and cut a small hole in the tip. Draw the laces of the football with the sour cream.

Serve with tortilla chips, baby carrots and celery.

**if making ahead of time or for a firmer cheese ball, place chill. Cover with Doritos right before serving.*

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