Cheesy Stuffed Jalapeños

U.S. cream cheese balances the spiciness in these crunchy appetizers that go great with a beer!



INGREDIENTS

(Makes 22 peppers)	
Jalapeño Peppers	22
U.S. Pepper Jack, shredded	240g
U.S. Cream Cheese	240g
Flour	160g
U.S. Whole Milk	125ml
Eggs	2
Cumin, ground	1g
Panko Japanese Style Bread Crumbs	150g

Per 100g	
Calories	234kcal
Total Fat	13g
Saturated Fat	7g
Trans Fat	Og
Cholesterol	65mg
Total Carbohydrates	21g
Dietary Fiber	1g
Sugars	2g
Protein	9g
Calcium	171mg
Magnesium	10mg
Phosphorus	72mg
Potassium	129mg
Sodium	243mg
Iron	1mg
Vitamin A	682IU
Vitamin C	28mg

PREPARATION

- 1. Heat deep fat fryer* to 180°C (350°F).
- 2. Slice peppers lengthwise without cutting all the way through to form pockets, leaving the stem on.
- 3. Open peppers and remove seeds and some membrane.
- 4. Blend together the pepper jack and the cream cheese. Fill pepper cavities with cheese mixture and press together to close.
- 5. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, milk, eggs, and cumin to form a batter.

- 6. Place bread crumbs in a separate bowl.
- 7. Dip filled peppers into the batter, roll into bread crumbs, place on parchment paper-lined pan, and freeze for at least one hour.
- 8. Deep fry the breaded peppers until golden brown, about 2-3 minutes.
- 9. Transfer to drip rack and let cool slightly before serving.

*Can be pan fried as well; do in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan.

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