

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Baby Chick Mini Cheese Balls

Supplies:

- 1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese (softened to room temperature)
- 1 cup finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese* (You do not want big pieces.)
- 1/3 cup bacon, cooked and crumbled into small pieces
- Sea salt and black pepper to taste
- Almond slivers for wings
- 5-6 black olives cut into small pieces for the eyes (You can use a straw to punch out the eyes.)
- Shredded or flat pieces of carrots to make the feet and beak
- Your favorite crackers
- * You will need a little extra shredded sharp cheddar cheese to coat the cheese balls. I chopped my cheese up more to make smaller pieces.

Directions:

- 1. In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, cheese and bacon together with a mixer. Add salt and pepper to taste. You can also mix ingredients with a spoon instead of mixer.
- 2. Scoop and roll mixture into small round balls (around ½ tablespoon or use an ice cream scoop).
- 3. Roll balls in shredded cheese to coat.
- 4. Cut small triangle of carrot for beak and small pieces (shredded or flat) for feet. Shape as desired.
- 5. Put almond sliver on each side of chick for wings.
- 6. Place the small pieces of black olives on for the eyes.
- 7. Store in the refrigerator until ready to serve. **Do not refrigerate with crackers or they will get mushy.**



