

Popcorn Recipes

Celebrate summer with these easy popcorn recipes. You'll start by making the popcorn, then create different flavors using a variety of toppings and seasonings.



ACTIVITIES

INGREDIENTS

POPCORN

- 2 bags microwave popcorn

OR

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup popcorn kernels

RANCH

- 4 tbsp butter
- 1-oz packet ranch seasoning mix
- 2 tbsp chopped chives
- salt

PEPPERONI PIZZA

- 1 cup chopped pepperoni
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano

PEANUT BUTTER

- 1 cup honey
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 cups peanuts (optional)
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips (optional)

MAKE THE POPCORN

No matter which flavor option you pick, you'll need to start with 12 to 16 cups of freshly popped popcorn. Either use 2 bags of microwave popcorn, or make your own popcorn on the stove.

To make your own, heat the vegetable oil and a couple popcorn kernels in a large pot over medium heat. When the first kernel pops, add the rest of the kernels and cover the pot. As they cook, occasionally shake the pot. Once the sound of popping has stopped, your popcorn is ready.

Now pick one of the flavor options below and follow the recipe. If you want to try all three, all you have to do is make more popcorn.

OPTION 1: RANCH

Melt the butter and stir in the ranch seasoning mix. Drizzle the mixture over the popcorn and sprinkle the chopped chives on top. Toss everything together and season with salt.

OPTION 2: PEPPERONI PIZZA

Using a skillet, cook the pepperoni in the vegetable oil until it's crisp, then drain the excess oil by placing the pepperoni on a paper towel. Add the pepperoni, mozzarella, parmesan, olive oil, garlic powder and dried oregano to the popcorn. Toss everything together and season with salt.

OPTION 3: PEANUT BUTTER

Heat the honey and sugar in a pot over medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves (about 5 minutes). Stir in the peanut butter, vanilla extract and kosher salt until you have a smooth mixture. Drizzle over the popcorn, and if you want, add the peanuts and chocolate chips. Toss everything together, then spread it all on a couple baking sheets to cool. Enjoy!

