

# Essence of Christmas Recipes

## Almond Chicken Casserole

5 c. cubed, cooked chicken  
4 c. cooked rice  
8 oz. can sliced water chestnuts  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 c. mayonnaise  
1/2 c. plain yogurt  
2 T. lemon juice  
2 c. chicken broth  
1 c. chopped celery  
3 T. chopped onion  
1/2 t. white pepper  
1 T. salt

### TOPPING:

3/4 c. melted butter  
3 c. cornflake cereal  
1/2 c. sliced almonds  
~1c. shredded cheddar

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine casserole ingredients, mix well. Place mixture in a lightly greased 9x13"baking dish. In medium bowl, combine butter and crushed cornflakes. Spread over casserole. Spread almonds and cheese on top. Bake in preheated oven ~45-55 minutes.

## Wassail

2 c. dry Tang mix  
1 1/4 c. sugar  
1/4 c. dry lemonade mix  
1 t. cinnamon  
1/2 t. ground cloves  
pinch nutmeg

Combine ingredients. Add 2 T. of mixture to 1 c. boiling water. One recipe makes 12 cups of wassail.

## Crunchy Coleslaw

3oz.pkg. Ramen Noodles, chicken flavor  
1 pkg. coleslaw  
3 green onions, chopped  
1/2 c. slivered almonds  
DRESSING:  
1/2 c. oil  
3 T. vinegar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
2 T. sugar  
chicken flavor packet from noodles

Combine coleslaw, onions, almonds in large bowl. Make dressing. Shortly before serving, pour dressing on coleslaw. Break Noodles into small pieces and add to coleslaw. Mix well.

## Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad

1 bunch broccoli crowns  
1 head cauliflower  
8 slices cooked, chopped bacon  
1/4 c. chopped onion  
1/2 c. sunflower nuts  
1/2 c. raisins  
DRESSING:  
1 c. miracle whip  
1/2 c. sugar  
2 T. white vinegar

Cut broccoli and cauliflower into bite size pieces. Combine all salad ingredients in large bowl. Mix dressing together and pour over salad.

### **Brownie Bites**

1 pkg. boxed brownie mix  
3-4 snicker bars, cut into about 1/2 inch squares

In a large bowl, mix brownies as instructed on box. Lightly grease a mini muffin pan. Fill each cup about 2/3 full. Push a snicker into brownie mix, making sure snicker is covered with brownie mix. Bake at 350 for ~18-20 minutes.

### **Everything Bread**

Purchased from Wal-Mart Bakery

### **Mini Cheesecakes**

Purchased from Sam's Club

### **Almond Bars**

1 c. butter  
1 c. almond paste  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 t. almond flavoring  
~ 1/4 cup Course white sugar available at Hy-Vee bakery

Melt butter. Add almond paste and beat until very smooth and fluffy. Add beaten eggs. Stir in flour and sugar and then add the almond flavoring. Mix and put in greased and floured 9x13 baking dish. Sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake for 45 minutes in a 300 degree oven.