

FUN WITH FOOD

It's Hip To Eat These Squares

(NAPSA)—Cereal isn't just for breakfast anymore. Many people use cereal as a special ingredient in fun and easy snack and dessert recipes.

For instance, General Mills recently unveiled several recipes starring its new Frosted Mini Chex, an itty bitty rice cereal that just became the newest—and tiniest—member of the popular Chex cereal franchise.

Check out these new recipes, sure to fast become family favorites.

Frosted Mini Marshmallow Squares

8 cups Frosted Mini Chex® cereal

¼ cup butter or margarine

1 bag (10½ ounces) miniature marshmallows (6 cups)

1 teaspoon vanilla

Measure cereal into extra-large bowl; set aside. Grease rectangular pan, 13x9x2 inches. Microwave butter in large microwavable bowl uncovered on High about 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows; toss until coated. Microwave uncovered on High about 1 minute 30 seconds, stirring after 45 seconds, until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour over cereal in bowl, stirring until evenly coated. Press in pan. Cool about 1 hour or until firm. For squares, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. Store loosely covered. 24 squares.

Important: Because microwaves cook differently, times are approximate.

Peppermint Crunch Mix

6 cups popped popcorn

4 cups Frosted Mini Chex® cereal

1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme

20 red or green hard peppermint candies, crushed (½ cup)

Heat oven to 350°. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Mix popcorn and cereal



in large bowl; set aside. Place marshmallow creme in medium microwavable bowl. Microwave uncovered on High about 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute, until melted; stir again. Pour over popcorn mixture; stir until evenly coated. Sprinkle with candies. Spread mixture on cookie sheet. Bake 5 minutes; stir. Bake about 5 minutes longer or until coating is light golden brown. Spread on waxed paper or aluminum foil to cool. Store tightly covered up to 2 weeks. 10 cups snack mix.

Substitution Tip

You may substitute a 10½-ounce bag of miniature marshmallows plus ¼ cup margarine or butter for the marshmallow creme. Microwave 1 to 2 minutes before adding to popcorn mixture.

Success Hint

Be careful to remove any unpopped kernels from the popcorn to prevent you or any of your guests from chipping a tooth.

Frosted Mini Chex Snack Mix

5 cups Frosted Mini Chex® cereal

1 cup teddy bear-shaped graham snacks

½ cup honey-roasted peanuts

½ cup raisins

¼ cup red and green candy-coated chocolate candies

Place all ingredients in large resealable plastic food-storage bag; seal bag. Shake until well mixed. 7 cups snack mix.