

**Potato Bites with Olive Tapenade**

*Makes about 20 bites*

The salty tapenade pairs very nicely with new potatoes. The perfect, bite-sized savory morsels are easy to eat finger food as an appetizer for any number of holiday occasions.

***Tapenade Ingredients:***

1 cup Kalamata olives, pitted  
1 cup green olives, pitted  
2 tablespoons capers, drained  
1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves  
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
Juice of 1 lemon (about 2-3 tablespoons)  
1 tablespoon olive oil

***To Serve:***

10 small new potatoes  
1 Boursin cheese, garlic and herb flavored  
3 chives, for garnish

***Directions:***

1. Drain the olives well, toss and turn until the brine has fully drained.
2. Place in the bowl of a food processor, the olives, capers, basil, red pepper flakes, black pepper, lemon juice, and olive oil. Pulse 2-3 times, scrape down the sides, and pulse again. Repeat until the mixture is finely chopped, but not pureed. Transfer from the food processor into a medium bowl.
3. *Meanwhile, boil the small potatoes in a pot of salted water until just tender to the tip of a knife. Halve each cooked potato; trim slightly to create a flat bottom if the half does not naturally sit in a level manner. Hollow out each potato half with the small end of a melon baller. Fill each cavity with a generous spoonful of olive tapenade. Top with a dollop of Boursin cheese. Garnish with a sprinkle of chopped chives.*