

# Party Poppers

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*8 ounces pitted dates*  
*4 ounces Brie cheese round*  
*6 ounces slivered almonds*  
*1 1/2 pounds thick-sliced hickory bacon*  
*2 teaspoons ground black pepper*

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cut the dates in half lengthwise.

Cut the Brie into bite-size pieces about the size of a peanut.

Place a piece of Brie and four almond pieces on an open half of a date. Place the other half on top.

Quarter the bacon slices. Wrap tightly around the stuffed date. Secure with a toothpick. Sprinkle with pepper.

Line a baking sheet with foil. Place the wrapped dates on top.

Bake for 15 minutes or until the bacon is crispy. Serve warm.

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Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 1631 Calories; 90g Fat (45.8% calories from fat); 40g Protein; 201g Carbohydrate; 29g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 25mg Sodium. Exchanges: 2 Grain(Starch); 3 1/2 Lean Meat; 11 Fruit; 15 1/2 Fat.