

Double or triple the recipe for Stuffed Dates and place them in paper candy cups (or mini muffin cups), then transport them in a candy box or cookie tin.

## Stuffed Dates

15 minutes | Makes 8 stuffed dates
Dates are nature's sweetest candy.
Stuffing them with nuts makes for an
extra-rich sweet appetizer. Choose soft,
pliable dates that still hold their shape
after squeezing.

- 10 large Medjool dates, pitted
  - 8 almonds, chopped
- 8 walnut halves, chopped
- 16 shelled pistachios, chopped
- 1 tsp. finely chopped orange rind
- 1/2 tsp. orange zest

- **1.** Make a slit in eight of the dates, keeping the flesh as intact as possible.
- 2. For filling, chop the remaining two dates and place in a bowl. Add the remaining ingredients to bowl; mix well. Stuff each split date with about 1 Tbsp. of the filling. If you like, garnish with additional orange zest. Cover and chill up to 1 week.

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