## **Queso' Lantern**

## Ingredients

- 1?2 cup TOSTITOS® Chunky Habanero Salsa HOT
- 2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1?3 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 minced small fresh habanero or jalapeño pepper (Optional)
- 2 (8 oz.) blocks extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 bell pepper
- 4 extra large black olives
- 1 bag TOSTITOS® Bite Size
- 4 rubber bands









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## How to make it

- Beat cream cheese with electric mixer until creamy and smooth. Add in TOSTITOS<sup>®</sup> Chunky Habanero Salsa (Hot), cilantro and habanero (or jalapeño) pepper and mix until blended. Add 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese and mix until combined.
- 2. Pour cheese mixture onto parchment paper, wet hands and shape into a ball.
- Press remaining 1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese around ball and wrap tightly with plastic wrap. Stretch rubber bands evenly around ball, forming pumpkin shape. Chill for at least 3 hours and up to 2 days.
- 4. When ready to serve, remove entire stem of a bell pepper and cut olives to create two eyes, a nose and a mouth.
- Carefully remove rubber bands and plastic wrap. Transfer to a serving plate and press down lightly to flatten. Press a chopstick or wooden skewer into indentation to accentuate the pumpkin shape, if desired.

## Made with

 Add olives to one side to create a face, and top with the bell pepper stem before serving with TOSTITOS<sup>®</sup> Bite Size Tortilla Chips.