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# **Charred Shallot and Za'atar Cream Cheese**

Makes 1 cup

Cream cheese is the perfect base for creating different flavor options for bagel spreads. The charred shallot and za'atar is a great pairing with any of the savory bagel toppings.

## Ingredients:

1 shallot, cut into quarters 1 cup homemade cream cheese (about 8 oz.) 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1/2 teaspoon za'atar 1/4 teaspoon flake salt 1/8 teaspoon black pepper 1 tablespoon chives, minced

## Directions:

1. Heat a cast iron skillet over high heat until smoking hot. Add the shallot sections and cook until blackened, turning occasionally, roughly 5-8 minutes. Remove the shallots from the heat and let cool.

2. Finely chop the charred shallot and mix with the homemade cream cheese, cayenne pepper, flake salt, pepper, and chives.

# Honey Almond Cream Cheese

Makes 1 cup

If you prefer a sweet spread for your bagel, try this nutty, honey-flavored cream cheese variation. Perfect on a plain bagel.

### Ingredients:

1/4 cup slivered almonds1 cup homemade cream cheese (about 8 oz.)2 tablespoons high quality honey1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

# Directions:

1. In a small fry pan over medium heat, toast the almonds until slightly browned. Promptly remove from heat.

2. In a small bowl, mix cream cheese, honey, and cinnamon until incorporated. Stir in the toasted almonds.