

Popcorn Bar for Movie Night

We love family movie nights in our house. It's a great time to come together and snuggle up. A quick and easy treat is a DIY movie night popcorn bar. Simply make a huge batch of popcorn and set out some sweet and savoury popcorn toppers so everyone is kept happy!

Ingredients

Bags of microwavable popcorn
Smarties
Maltesers
Jelly beans
Gummy bears
Chocolate buttons
Skittles
M&Ms

Method

1 Cook bags of microwavable popcorn (one per person should be ample) according to the packet instructions and tip into bowls, giving them 5 minutes to cool down before allowing people to tuck in – this will help prevent sticky melted chocolate fingers...

2 Arrange on the coffee table surrounded with small bowls of all your favourite sweets.

VARIATIONS

Whether you like to use a lidded pan or bowl in the microwave, all these ideas can be rustled up in minutes, whether you're craving some spicy kernels or you've got a sweet tooth that needs satisfying.

Gourmet Chocolate & Sea Salt Popcorn

Pop your kernels in olive oil. Melt plain chocolate (at least 70% cocoa solids), then stir in some olive oil to taste. Drizzle over the popcorn and sprinkle with sea salt to serve.

Curried Popcorn

Start off the popcorn in oil and butter. While it's still warm, pour over melted butter that has some crushed garlic, a pinch of chilli flakes and enough curry powder to taste. Season with salt and pepper before serving.

Sweet & Spicy Popcorn

Cook the popcorn in oil and butter. While still warm, sprinkle over chilli powder and ground cinnamon to taste. Drizzle with honey or agave syrup and fold in to serve.

Fennel & Chilli Popcorn

Use olive oil to pop the kernels. While still warm, add fennel seeds and dried chilli flakes to taste.

Banoffee Popcorn

Pop your kernels in oil and butter. Crush some banana chips, then stir them through the popcorn with some dulce de leche or caramel from a can.