



Shredded Beef Sliders Recipe for Game Day

The Best Kind of Game Day Mess

I think the best food is meant to be shared. These sliders are perfect for that. Everyone gathers around the table. They grab a warm, juicy slider with both hands.

I love seeing the cheese stretch from the plate to someone's mouth. It makes me smile. It is a happy, messy, and delicious moment. Food just tastes better when you eat it together.

A Little Story About My Grandson

My grandson used to pick the onions out of everything. He would make

a little pile on the edge of his plate. One day, I made these sliders for his friends.

He was so busy laughing and eating, he did not even notice the onions. Now he asks for them. I still laugh at that. Sometimes, the right food can change your mind about things.

Why This Simple Recipe Works

This recipe is not hard. But each part does an important job. The sweet rolls get soft and warm. The juicy beef makes everything rich.

The jalapeno gives a little kick. The cool queso fresco balances the spice. *Fun fact: Queso fresco just means “fresh cheese” in Spanish. It is soft and crumbly, not melty.* When you bake it all together, the flavors become one big happy family.

Your Turn in the Kitchen

Now, you can make these your own. Do you like things very spicy? Maybe add another jalapeno. Not a fan of cilantro? Try some fresh parsley instead.

Cooking is like that. You can make it suit your own taste. What is one ingredient you always love to add to your food? I would love to hear your ideas.

The Secret is in the Juice

Do not skip brushing the rolls with that beef juice. It is the secret. It makes the tops shiny and golden. It also adds so much flavor.

And please, save the extra juice for dipping. Doesn't that smell amazing

when it is warming up? It turns a good slider into a great one. This little step matters because it keeps every single bite moist and tasty.

More Than Just a Snack

This is more than just game day food. It is a reason to come together. It is about sharing a plate and talking. It is about making a memory.

That is why cooking for people matters. It is a way to show you care. What is your favorite food to share with friends during a big game? Tell me about it.

See also [Homemade Italian Sausage Recipe](#)

Ingredients:

| Ingredient | Amount | Notes |
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| Hawaiian sweet rolls | 1 package (12-count) | |
| Mozzarella cheese | 5 slices | |
| Shredded beef | 2 cups | |
| White onion | 1 medium (about 1 cup) finely diced | |
| Fresh cilantro | 1/4 cup | freshly chopped |
| Jalapeno pepper | 1 medium | seeded, finely diced |
| Queso fresco | 1 cup | crumbled |
| Shredded beef juice | 1 cup (241 g) | warmed, divided |



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My Game Day Sliders: A Little Story, A Little Recipe

Hello, my dear! Come sit a moment. The big game is coming up. Everyone needs a good snack. These little sliders are my favorite. They are warm, cheesy, and full of flavor. I love how everyone gathers around the pan. It makes my heart happy.

Let me tell you about the first time I made these. My grandson thought they were too small. He piled three on his plate! He took one bite and his eyes got wide. He said, Nana, these are dangerous! I still laugh at that. Now he asks for them every time he visits.

How to Make Them

Making them is so simple. You just build a little sandwich tower. Here is how we do it.

Step 1: Prepare the Rolls

Warm your oven to 350°F. Get a baking dish ready with a little spray. This stops our sliders from sticking. Now, take your sweet rolls. Cut the whole pack in half, like a big sheet. Place the bottom halves in the dish. Doesn't that smell amazing already?

Step 2: Add the Fillings

Time for the good stuff! Lay the cheese slices on the bottom buns. Then, pile on that lovely shredded beef. Sprinkle the onion, cilantro, and jalapeno over the top. Finish with the crumbled queso fresco. It looks like a confetti party! A hard-learned tip: wear gloves when you chop the

jalapeno. I learned that the itchy way!

Step 3: Bake and Glaze

Put the top halves of the rolls back on. Now, take some warm beef juice. Gently brush it over the tops. This makes them golden and delicious. Save the rest for later. Cover the whole dish with foil. Pop it in the oven for 15 minutes. The cheese will get all melty.

Step 4: Final Bake and Serve

Take off the foil. Let it bake for 5 more minutes. Watch the tops turn a perfect golden brown. Your whole kitchen will smell wonderful. Take them out and slice them into individual sliders. Serve them right away with the extra juice for dipping. What is your favorite game day snack? Share below!

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 12 sliders

Category: Appetizer, Main Course

See also Hearty Steak and Potato Skillet

Three Fun Twists for Your Sliders

You can change this recipe so easily. It is fun to try new things. Here are a few ideas I love.

Pulled Pork & Pickles

Use shredded pork instead of beef. Add a layer of tangy dill pickle chips. It is a classic combo.

Breakfast-for-the-Game

Scramble some eggs with sausage. Use that as your filling. Top with a little cheddar cheese. Perfect for an early game!

Veggie Fiesta

Skip the meat. Use black beans and corn. Add a sprinkle of taco seasoning. So colorful and tasty. Which one would you try first? Comment below!

Serving Your Sliders Just Right

These sliders are a meal all by themselves. But I love to add a few things on the side. A big, crisp salad helps balance the richness. Some crunchy potato chips are always a hit. For a real treat, serve them with sweet potato fries.

What should we drink? A cold, fizzy cola is my grandson's pick. For the grown-ups, a cold lager or pale ale is lovely. It cuts through the cheese beautifully. Which would you choose tonight?



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Keeping Your Sliders Tasty for Later

Let's talk about keeping these sliders fresh. Store them in an airtight container in the fridge. They will stay good for up to three days. You can also freeze them for a month. Just wrap them tightly in foil first.

To reheat, warm them in a 300°F oven. I once microwaved one and the bun got soggy. The oven keeps everything crispy and delicious. This is perfect for batch cooking. Make a double batch on Sunday for easy meals all week.

Batch cooking saves you time on busy days. It means a good meal is always close by. Have you ever tried storing it this way? Share below!

Simple Fixes for Common Slider Troubles

Sometimes our cooking needs a little help. If your sliders are dry, you forgot the juice. Always brush the tops and have extra for dipping. This keeps the beef moist and full of flavor.

If the bottom bun gets soggy, your filling might be too wet. Let the shredded beef cool a bit before assembling. I remember when my first batch was a mess. Getting the filling right builds your cooking confidence.

If the tops are not golden, remove the foil earlier. A crispy top makes the whole slider taste better. Which of these problems have you run into before?

Your Slider Questions, Answered

Q: Can I make these gluten-free? A: Yes! Just use your favorite gluten-free rolls. Everything else is naturally gluten-free.

See also Savory Lipton Onion Soup Meatloaf Classic

Q: Can I make them ahead of time? A: Absolutely. Assemble them, cover, and refrigerate. Bake them right before your guests arrive.

Q: What if I don't have queso fresco? A: A mild feta or even more mozzarella works well. *Fun fact: Queso fresco just means "fresh cheese" in Spanish.

Q: Can I double the recipe? A: Of course. Use a bigger baking dish so they all fit nicely.

Q: Is the jalapeno optional? A: It sure is. Leave it out if you don't like spice. Which tip will you try first?

A Little Note From My Kitchen to Yours

I hope you love making these sliders as much as I do. Food is best when shared with people we love. Seeing your creations would make my whole week.

Have you tried this recipe? Tag us on Pinterest! I would love to see your game day spread. Thank you for spending this time with me.

Happy cooking! —Elowen Thorn.

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Difficulty: **Beginner**

Prep time: **15 minutes**



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Cook time: **20 minutes**

Rest time:

Total time: 35 minutes



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Servings: **12 sliders**



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Calories: **211 kcal**

Best Season: Summer

Description

Perfect for game day, these Shredded Beef Sliders are easy to make

and packed with flavor, featuring Hawaiian sweet rolls, melted cheese, and a kick of jalapeno.

Ingredients

- ▢ 1 package (12-count) Hawaiian sweet rolls
- ▢ 5 slices mozzarella cheese
- ▢ 2 cups shredded beef
- ▢ 1 medium white onion, finely diced (about 1 cup)
- ▢ $\frac{1}{4}$ cup freshly chopped cilantro
- ▢ 1 medium jalapeno pepper, seeded, finely diced
- ▢ 1 cup queso fresco, crumbled
- ▢ 1 cup (241 g) shredded beef juice, warmed, divided

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a 7×11-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. Split your rolls in half horizontally and place the bottom halves in the baking dish.
3. On top of the bottom halves of the buns, add the slices of cheese, shredded beef, onion, cilantro, jalapeno, and queso fresco.
4. Place the top halves of the rolls on top of the filling.
5. Brush the tops of the rolls with shredded beef juice, reserving the rest for dipping.
6. Cover the dish with aluminum foil and bake for 15 minutes, or until the cheese is hot and bubbly.
7. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 5 minutes, or until the tops of the sliders turn a golden brown.
8. Remove the sliders from the oven and slice them. Serve the sliders with the remaining shredded beef juice for dipping. Enjoy!

Notes

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