



## **Buy Me Some Peanuts and Cracker Jack ... Salad?**

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Kick off baseball season with a fun twist on an old classic – a refreshing, crisp Iceberg lettuce salad that brings together the best of baseball eats.

If you and your team are hunkering for something beyond the ballpark dog, this Peanuts & Cracker Jack Salad is a grand slam. The perfect side for any summer BBQ, it appeals to young and old alike. You don't even have to like baseball! Salad has never been so fun – or so easy.

It starts with cold, crisp Iceberg lettuce: a solid head of tightly wrapped, light-to-medium green leaves. Slice the head crosswise into four even "rafts" or slices, placing each on an individual plate. Top with juicy mandarin orange segments, salted peanuts, the sweet crunch of Cracker Jack and tangy poppy seed dressing, and you've got a fun, simple summertime salad in mere minutes.

The Peanuts & Cracker Jack Salad is a great way to introduce salad as a side with your kids' meal. Iceberg's mild, sweet flavor and crunch make it a logical choice to entice kids to eat salad. And when salad toppers are this fun, kids can't resist helping with the preparation.

First introduced at the Chicago's World Fair in 1893, Cracker Jack was immortalized in 1908 when it appeared in the unofficial anthem of baseball, "Take Me Out To The Ballgame." It's maintained its popularity for a host of reasons – kids love the thrill of a "prize in every box," adults find comfort in the nostalgia, and just about everyone agrees that sweet caramel-coated popcorn mixed with salty peanuts simply tastes great.

This great-tasting salad is simple enough for weeknight meals, but special enough for summertime entertaining, such as Father's Day or 4th of July, or any backyard barbeque with family and friends.

### ***4 servings***

- 1 head Tanimura & Antle® Iceberg Lettuce**
- 1 cup Cracker Jack *or* caramel-coated popcorn & peanuts**
- 1 can (11 oz) mandarin orange segments, drained**
- 1/4 cup salted peanuts**
- 1/2 cup poppy seed dressing**

Core lettuce; rinse and drain well. Cut crosswise into 4 even slices.

Top with Cracker Jacks, orange segments and peanuts. Drizzle with dressing.