

Laurello Tannenbaum Recipe Cranberry Jalapeno Cheese Spread

- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 4 teaspoons chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese

In a small saucepan, combine the first 7 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes until thickened. Remove from the heat; cool.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in cranberry mixture until blended. Chill. Serve with crackers.