

Crudités with Lemon-Pesto Goat Cheese Dip

Assorted vegetables, such as cauliflower and broccoli florets, carrot and celery sticks, bell pepper strips and jicama sticks

10 ounces goat cheese, soft fresh, room

temperature

2/3 cup sour cream

1/4 cup plus pesto 2 tablespoons

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

11/2 teaspoons lemon peel, grated

2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted

Arrange vegetables on platter; cover and chill.

Blend cheese, sour cream, 1/4 cup pesto, lemon juice and lemon peel in processor until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to serving bowl. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.)

Top dip with dollops of remaining 2 tablespoons of pesto. Sprinkle dip with toasted pine nuts.

Serve dip alongside platter of assorted vegetables.

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