12 Watermelon Recipes to Sweeten Your Summer

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We're excited about all the possibilities that summer opens up in terms of food, fun, and fashion. And what's more summery than a crisp and refreshing watermelon (seed-spitting optional)? We've decided to declare July Watermelon Month, and for our first watermelon-related post, we're bringing you 12 delicious recipes to make your summer festivities extra juicy.

2. Watermelon “Fire and Ice” Salsa: We’re loving this fresh, summery take on salsa. Just add chips and lounge by the pool! *(Recipe and photo: Gimme Some Oven)*

3. Watermelon-Jalapeno Margaritas: *New favorite cocktail alert!* Smoky, spicy, sweet, and sour, this drink is an absolute must. *(Recipe and photo: Boulder Locavore)*

4. Watermelon Jello Slices: We consider Jaymee Sire our jello shot expert, so when she made these watermelon-mint jello slices (complete with rind!), we basically swooned. *(Recipe and photo: E is for Eat)*

5. Watermelon, Radish and Arugula Salad: This pretty salad is perfect if you’re in the mood to get gourmet. This intriguing flavor combo and elegant presentation will definitely impress any guests you have this summer. *(Recipe and photo: Say Cheese)*

6. Watermelon Mojito Pops: Easy, fruity, and boozy, these cocktail-inspired pops are sure to be a hit at your next BBQ! *(Recipe and photo: The Shiksa in the Kitchen)*

7. Watermelon Balsamic Appetizer: Simple and bite-sized, this appetizer combines two fresh flavors that are perfect for summer. *(Recipe and photo: Show Food Chef)*

8. Watermelon Pie: Cool off with this watermelon-inspired, sherbert-based dessert. We’re thinking it would be a huge hit if you’re having a family event with lot of kids running around. *(Recipe and photo: Make and Takes)*

9. Watermelon Cupcakes: Not only do these adorable cupcakes look like watermelons, they taste like watermelons too! *(Recipe and photo: Bakingdom)*

10. Watermelon and Mint Ice Cubes: Flavored ice cubes are a win because they keep your drink cool and they add flavor instead of watering it down. The combination of watermelon and mint is refreshing and perfect for summertime. *(Recipe and photo: Gastronomer's Guide)*

11. “Mini Watermelons”: This quick dessert presentation is too adorable to resist. You know anything “mini” is a big hit over here at Brit HQ ;) *(Recipe and photo: This Chick Cooks)*

12. Watermelon Granita: While this site is in Polish, this granita looked to crisp and cool not to include! Google Translate works pretty well here, and it’s pretty easy to guess the rest. (Hint: there’s watermelon in there!) *(Recipe and photo: Magazyn)*

Are you as excited as we are about Watermelon Month? What’s your favorite recipe starring our celebrated fruit? Let us know in the comments below or find us over on Twitter.

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