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Use your preserves! This simple cheese dip is a great backdrop for a jar of your home-canned Bruschetta-in-a-Jar mix. A drizzle of pesto (homemade or store-bought) adds a pop of flavor. Serve with toasted bread, crackers, or vegetables for a beautiful appetizer. The recipe can easily be doubled to serve a crowd.

Tomato Appetizer

4 oz fresh mozzarella, grated

2 oz ricotta

1 tbsp (or more) heavy cream

1/4 tsp salt (or to taste)

1-2 tbsp pesto (or to taste)

- 1 half-pint (8 oz) jar of Bruschetta-in-a-Jar, well drained*
- Mix together the grated mozzarella, ricotta, cream, and salt in a stand mixer until the mixture is creamy and has a spreadable texture, adding more cream as necessary. (You can also use a hand mixer, a food processor, or beat well by hand). Taste, and add more salt if desired.



2. Spread the cheese dip on a platter, and drizzle with the pesto. Top with the bruschetta mix. Serve with bread, crackers, or crudités.

*Waste Not Want Not! Reserve the liquid from the drained bruschetta to use in salad dressings, marinades, and more!

Source: Adapted from Whipped Mozzarella Dip at food.ffeed.com