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BACON- WRAPPED DATES

Here's a quick and sophisticated 3-ingredient snack: the savory blend of salty bacon and sweet dates makes a legendary party treat.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15-20 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- 12-15 Medjool Dates (The large, soft ones)
- 6-8 strips of Bacon (Cut in half crosswise)
- Goat Cheese or Almonds (Optional)

HOW TO MAKE:

- **Prep:** Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper.
- **Pit:** Slice a small slit down the length of each date and pop out the pit. (If you want to be fancy, stuff a small teaspoon of goat cheese or one whole almond inside the date now).
- **Wrap:** Take a half-strip of bacon and wrap it snugly around the date. Secure it with a toothpick.
- **Bake:** Place them on the tray and bake for 15-20 minutes, turning them halfway through, until the bacon is crispy and the dates are slightly caramelized.
- **Serve:** Let them cool for 5 minutes before serving.