

Pears provide wonderful holiday centerpieces, party platter ingredients and gifts.

Pear Centerpiece

12 pears, preferably different colors (we used 3 different types: Comice, Bosc, Red Bartlett)

1 cup dried cranberries

Large clear decorative bowl or vase

Place half the cranberries on the bottom of the bowl or vase.

Layer pears on top in a decorative pattern. Sprinkle remaining cranberries in the last layer.

Keep chilled until ready for use. Use as a centerpiece for dinner or dessert.

Fall Pear Salad

8 cups mixed greens, washed

2 sliced Red Bartlett pears

1/4 cup sliced dried figs

1/4 cup mixed dried fruit: golden raisins, blueberries, cranberries

2 tablespoons toasted walnut pieces

Balsamic vinegar to taste

Place the greens in a large bowl and top with pears, figs, dried fruit and walnut pieces. Serve vinegar on the side.



Here we have an arrangement of pears and grapes; great for gifts, snacks and centerpieces.



“Pears also make a wonderful table centerpiece for holidays, dinners at home and dessert buffets.”

Judy Doherty
Chef and Publisher

<http://foodandhealth.com/blog/>

DRIED FRUIT GIFT PLATTER

Gift Recipe

This is a healthier alternative to cookies and easier, too!

1/2 cup golden raisins

1/2 cup dried blueberries

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup halved dried figs (cutting them in half makes them much prettier)



Make a fun and decorative pattern with dried fruits. Here we have a spiral dish.

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