

Cousin Cathy's Orange Creamsicle Dessert

2 c. boiling water
6 oz. regular orange Jello
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. Cool Whip
2-10.5 oz. cans mandarin orange slices, drained (place on paper towels)

Dissolve Jello in boiling water; set aside. Using electric mixer, combine cream cheese and Cool Whip; when blended, slowly add Jello mixture. Gently fold in mandarin orange slices with spoon, reserving half for garnish. Pour in 13 x 9 pan; chill. Garnish with remaining orange slices. Recipe can be doubled or tripled and served in a trifle bowl.

Note: It is also good made with apricot Jello and canned, drained apricots.