**Carol’s Caramel Popcorn Party Mix**

With the holidays coming up quickly, I love to make homemade things to give as gifts to friends. Especially friends and family who host Thanksgiving and Christmas parties!

This week’s recipe is a quick favorite and makes about 7-8 zip lock bags full of party mix. It’s perfect to break up into small batches as a gift or serve in a large bowl at your own party!

The kids will get a math lesson out of the measuring and will be super proud that they made this gift themselves!

It’s definitely a fun one to make with the whole family, so let’s get cookin together!

**Ingredients:**

**Dry Mix:**

* 1 Bag Microwave Popcorn (About 5 Cups Popped)
* 3 Cups Mini Pretzel Twists
* 2 Cups Dry-Roasted Salted Peanuts
* 2 Cups Oven-Toasted Rice Cereal Squares

**Caramel Sauce:**

* 2 Sticks Butter
* 1 Cup Packed Light Brown Sugar
* 1/3 Cup Corn Syrup
* 1 Tsp Baking Soda

**Directions:**

* Preheat oven to 300°F.
* Prepare popcorn according to package directions in the microwave.
* In giant mixing bowl, combine pretzels, popcorn peanuts and cereal.
* Combine butter, brown sugar and corn syrup in saucepan over medium heat.
* Stir with bamboo spoon until mixture comes to a boil.
* Continue to cook without stirring for 3 minutes.
* Remove from heat and stir in baking soda.
* Pour caramel sauce over popcorn mixture; stir until evenly coated.
* Spray large baking sheet with non-stick spray.
* Evenly distribute mixture over baking sheet.
* Bake for 30 minutes and remove from oven.
* Transfer popcorn mixture to large piece of wax paper to cool completely.
* Break mixture into clusters and bag up to give as gifts or serve immediately.
* Enjoy!:)

Tyler loved this recipe. I made her a bag of the party mix for her trip to New York. We’d love to see your family enjoying it together, too. Share your pics with Ellis and Tyler on their [Z88.3 Mornings Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/Z88.3Mornings/).

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