

> Bring pizza toppings (cheese, sauce, pesto, meats, vegetables, ???)

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... peanut butter, cool whip, strained bananas, poached eggs,
turnip greens, marzipan, cream of wheat, bean dip, fudge sauce ...

... library paste, tile grout, plastic wood, vermiculite,
moth balls, silly putty, naval jelly, hairballs,
silicone sealer ...

-- and double banana slugs!

Do you like your hairballs dry, or would you prefer the wet kind?

My cats provide a generous assortment of both types -- no preference.

Okeefenokee Pizza is actually a serious proposal for an edible variant with unusual aesthetic appeal. Some years ago, the astronomy club I belong to habitually went to Round Table after meetings. After various cracks about unidentifiable ingredients in the pizza, I drew a cartoon of a pizza whose toppings looked like a swamp. It occurred to several of us shortly thereafter that it would be possible to make an entirely edible pizza with that appearance. You start with a fairly veggie pizza -- to get the effect of lots of greenery and brownery at the bottom layer -- then add either pickles or something like leaf spinach (lily pads), itty-bitty sausages speared lengthwise on toothpicks (cattails), whole mushrooms standing right-side up (mushrooms), and perhaps clumps of things like alfalfa sprouts, bean sprouts and the like. After it comes out of the oven, garnish one lily pad with a small plastic frog, and serve.

This was about the time of Close Encounters of the Third Kind; I drew another cartoon showing an enormous pizza looming as it lifted over a giant, fluted pitcher of soft drink, pursued by several pepperonuses and an olive.

-- Jay