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Ten Snacks for Your Super Bowl Party

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Why settle for the same old chip?

If that's not your mantra come Super Bowl Sunday, you're missing the point. Sure, the day is about football, but it's truly about the party. So, just as you wouldn't buy a bottle of budget bubbly for New Year's Eve, why stick to the same familiar names in salty snacks for the big game?

With that in mind, we've looked for some snack alternatives in 10 different categories, from pretzels to nuts to you name it. And what about your beloved bag of supermarket-brand chips? Save those for the regular season.

Crackers

Face it: Ritz Crackers may be popular, but they're pretty wimpy. If you want a cracker with some personality, try [Doctor Kracker](#) -- they're organic, artisan-baked and closer in taste and texture to a European flatbread. ("Uber Delicious! Uber Crunch!" the company says.) Varieties include "Klassic 3 Seed" and "Pumpkin Seed Cheddar." Available for around \$19 to \$22 per case (six seven-ounce packages).

Pretzels

Kim & Scott's [Gourmet Pretzels](#), available through mail order, are almost too big and tasty to be considered a snack. These soft pretzels, which can be quickly heated in the microwave, have a main-meal appeal to them. They're offered in flavors ranging from traditional Bavarian to spinach feta; right now, the company is featuring a Pro Tailgater's Package, with six stuffed-pretzel varieties, including cheddar jalapeno and grilled cheese. for \$53.99.

Tortilla Chips

You know how flavored tortilla chips always leave a residue of cheese on your fingers? That's not the case with [Food Should Taste Good's](#) line of all-natural chips, where the flavorings, from jalapeno to olive to