PRETZEL SALAD (DESSERT)

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It's sweet enough to serve as a dessert, if you wish. Can be made a couple of days in advance.

Use a 9x12 Pyrex dish Set oven to 400 degrees Serves 12-15

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	Ingredients		
Measure	1/3 C sugar and 1/2 C sugar, separately		
Have available	2 small packages strawberry Jello 8 oz. cream cheese (bring to room temperature) 8 oz tub Cool Whip		
Defrost, drain, reserve juice	2-1/2 boxes sliced strawberries		
Drain and reserve juice	2 small cans crushed pineapple		
Melt	1-1/2 stick margarine or butter		
Crush	Pretzels to fill 2 Cups		
Slice and soak in lemon juice	3 bananas, 1 lemon		

Refrigerate the strawberries and pineapple after draining

Measure combined reserved juices from strawberries and pineapple, adding enough water to make 2 cups

Heat this liquid high enough to dissolve Jello and add to Jello

Refrigerate the dissolved Jello

When Jello is set (45 minutes or less), stir in the strawberries and pineapple

The Crust

Mix pretzels, melted butter/margarine and 1/3 C sugar Press into pyrex dish

Bake 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

Cool in refrigerator 30-40 minutes

While Crust is cooking and cooling and Jello is setting

Cream the 1/2 C sugar with the cream cheese and the Cool Whip

Combine

Spread cream cheese mixture over the crust

Remove sliced bananas from lemon juice and layer over

Pour Jello and fruit over

Refrigerate overnight at least (can keep a couple of days)

Slice into squares

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