Baked Jalapeño Poppers

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kitchen gloves chopping board and slicing knife large baking tray medium and small mixing bowls measuring cups and spoons fine grater mixing spoon

	Do this	with these INGREDIENTS
1.	Preheat the oven to 400°C (200°F).	
2.	Line or oil the baking tray.	
3.	Wearing the gloves, slice in half lengthways	10 - 12 fresh jalapeños
4.	Remove the seeds and white membrane and place cut side up on the baking tray.	
5.	In the bowl, mix together	225 g (8 oz) packet cream cheese 1 cup finely grated parmesan cheese 2 TBS finely chopped fresh chives 2 cloves garlic, minced 1/4 tsp pink or sea salt 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper 4 pieces cooked nitrate-free bacon, chopped (optional)
6.	Place a spoonful of the mixture inside each half of the jalapeños.	
7.	Mix in the small bowl	2 TBS olive oil or melted butter 1/2 cup almond meal or breadcrumbs
8.	Sprinkle the crumb mixture over the jalapeño halves.	
9.	Bake for 20 mins or until done to your liking.	
10). Serve with	extra chopped fresh chives homemade aioli (optional)

