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## Crispy Biscuits And Tasty Tea Thanksgiving Feast

**G**ot turkey? Thanksgiving is Thursday, but there is still time to whip by Whole Foods Markets, where the kitchen gurus are so well-versed in preparing the Thanksgiving meal that their stuffings, relish and pies are better than some of us can make ourselves. Their cranberries are super-concentrated and tangy and their stuffings are interesting and perfectly herbed. They even cook up creative vegetarian sides including, a broccoli potato gratin and white sweet potatoes with dried fruit. An entire turkey dinner plus sides is \$149.99.

### IN A CRUNCH

For a fast Thanksgiving feast appetizer, nothing beats crackers with creamy brie and nutty Manchego. Cracker options abound, of course, but the just released **Daelia's Biscuits for Cheese** are the ones you want. They're crispy, thin wafers dotted with nuts and chewy bits of caramelized fruit. As if that were not good enough, they also pack a pinch of pepper. My only issue with the sample I got is that half of them were smashed into bits.



**Daelia's Biscuits for Cheese**

If you can find these intact, you will be an hors d'oeuvre superstar. A 4-ounce pack is \$5. Find them at most Whole Foods.

### FINGER CISE

After all the roasting and toasting is done who has the energy to exercise? Instead, how about exercising those fingers with a little online shopping? No need

to burn gas or those hard earned turkey day calories. Just turn on the computer and click to fill your gift bag with some of the best, unexpected and most delicious gifts. Everyone has their favorites, but my top mouse stops include **Republic of Tea** ([www.republicoftea.com](http://www.republicoftea.com)) for pretty teapots and many more tea options than you can find at the store

including Vanilla Coconut White Tea (\$16) and Caramel Apple Red Tea (\$10).

For the fish-lovers on your list, check out the aquatic selections at Vital Choice ([www.vitalchoice.com](http://www.vitalchoice.com)) an Alaska based company that specializes in organic and sustainable sea foods and smoked candy (\$57 for 3 packages).

And **King Arthur Flour** ([www.kingarthurfour.com](http://www.kingarthurfour.com)) sells more than grain a Wave Yogurt Cheese Maker (\$21.95) turn regular yogurt into Greek style yogurt and **Fiori di Sicilia** flavoring (\$7.95) a citrus vanilla blend that delivers the flavor of Italian panettone.

*Samples of most products reviewed in this column are provided by manufacturers. Reach Jolene Thym at [timespicky eater@gmail.com](mailto:timespicky eater@gmail.com). Read more Picky Eater at [www.thepicky eateronline.com](http://www.thepicky eateronline.com). ■*

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