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INGREDIENTS

Jello (any flavor): 1 packet (3 oz). Strawberry, blue raspberry, or lime work great!

Boiling Water: 1 cup.

Cold Water: 1 cup.

Vodka: 1 cup (use a decent mid-shelf brand for the best taste).

Pop Rocks: 3-4 packets (various flavors to match your Jello).

Shot Cups: Plastic 2 oz souffle cups work best.

Swaps and Notes:

The Alcohol: While vodka is the standard choice because it's neutral, you can swap it for white rum or even tequila if you're making a "margarita" style shot.

Non-Alcoholic Version: Simply replace the vodka with an extra cup of cold water or a lemon-lime soda for a kid-friendly "mocktail" version.

The Candy: Ensure your Pop Rocks are fresh. If the packets have been sitting in a humid pantry, the candy might clump, and you won't get that signature "pop."

Step-by-Step Instructions:

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Whisk for about 2 minutes until the powder is completely dissolved.

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The Chill: Place the cups in the refrigerator for at least 3-4 hours, or until they are completely firm.

The Finale: Just before serving-and I mean just before-sprinkle a generous amount of Pop Rocks on top of each shot.

Tips for Success:

Timing is Everything: Do not add the Pop Rocks until you are ready to serve. If you put them on too early, the moisture from the Jello will dissolve the candy, and you'll lose the "pop" before your guests even touch them!

Clear the Air: If you notice bubbles on top of your shots after pouring, you can lightly spray them with a mist of unflavored cooking spray or just pop them with a toothpick for a crystal-clear look.

Easy Release: If you aren't using squeeze-style plastic cups, run a thin knife around the edge of the Jello to help it slide out easily.

Serving Suggestions and Pairings:

Nutritional Information (Per Serving):

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Protein: 1g

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Storage and Leftover Tips:

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salty, savory snacks to balance out the sweetness.

10. For a true crowd-pleasing spread, pair these shots with these Totchos (tater tot nachos) or a bowl of this Crockpot Nacho Dip. If you're looking for something even heartier, this beer cheese dip is always a massive hit.
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18. More Recipes You Will Love: Jolly Rancher Edible Shot Glasses
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21. Final Thoughts: These Pop Rocks Jello Shots are guaranteed to be the talk of your next party. They are fun, nostalgic, and surprisingly easy to whip up. If you tried this recipe, I'd love to hear how it went! What flavor Jello did you use? Drop a comment below and let me know.
22. Don't forget to follow : Chefmaniac for more "insane" recipe hacks and party favorites. Cheers!

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