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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

PITA STUFFED WITH TABBOULEH & SHARDS OF FETA
(8 servings)

- 1 cup bulgur wheat
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (2 lemons)
- 1/4 cup good olive oil
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup minced scallions, white and green parts
- 1 cup chopped fresh mint leaves (1 bunch)
- 1 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley (1 bunch)
- 1 hothouse cucumber, unpeeled, seeded & diced
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3/4 pound feta cheese
- 4 pita breads, cut in half



Place the bulgur in a large bowl, pour in the boiling water, and add the lemon juice, olive oil, and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Stir, then allow to stand at room temperature for about an hour.

Add the scallions, mint, parsley, cucumber, tomatoes, 2 teaspoons salt, and the pepper; mix well. Season to taste and serve, or cover and refrigerate. The flavor will improve if the tabbouleh sits for a few hours.

Stuff the tabbouleh and feta into the pita breads.

Courtesy of [FoodNetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)
<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/pita-stuffed-with-tabbouleh-and-shards-of-feta-recipe/index.html>

TOP 5 MISTAKES SELLERS MAKE WHEN SHOWING HOMES

Sellers, when you are showing your home to potential buyers, it's important to put its best foot forward. Simply put, the properties that show the best, sell the best. Make it easy for a buyer to imagine living in your home, and you make it easy for him or her to make an offer.



Here are some common mistakes sellers make when showing their homes. Avoid these tendencies and you're on the road to an effective showing:

1. Being inflexible about scheduling.

When a buyer calls to schedule a showing, don't be immovable about times/dates to show. Be as accommodating as possible within your schedule restraints and understand that getting the buyer to see your home is a crucial step in obtaining an offer.

2. Hovering over buyers in the home.

Think of how you'd feel walking through a home you're interested in with the seller following you around you and inspecting your every move. You might be afraid to really examine the home, feeling instead self-conscious about being watched.

3. Rushing buyers out the door.

Don't pressure or rush the buyers! Give them space to think! Take buyers on a tour and be available. But try to make them feel comfortable as much as you can.

4. Leaving everything a mess.

By all means, as soon as you decide to sell your home, clean it! Get rid of clutter and box up unused items. Think about showcasing your home's features, not the features of your decorating style.

5. Not creating the right mood/atmosphere inside.

Before the showing time, open all the window shades, turn on lights and maybe even light some unscented candles. If you want to make cookies, make sure to have some available for the visitors. This is all part of getting your home staged.

<http://blog.buyowner.com/2008/08/top-5-mistakes-sellers-make-when-showing-homes.htm>