

2025
Annual Holiday
Recipe Book

Happy Holidays



Thank you for picking up a copy of this year's staff recipe book!

We are sharing recipes from the 70s in honor of the library's 50th Anniversary.

Enjoy!



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Onion Dip

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1 envelope Lipton onion soup mix
- 1 container (1 lb.) sour cream

- 1. Use a rolling pin to crush onion soup mix while still in package.
- 2. Combine soup mix and sour cream. Blend well.
- 3. Refrigerate overnight.



Warm Cheese, Spinach, and Artichoke Dip

Fran F

Ingredients

- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained
- 1/2 cup roasted red bell peppers, rinsed
- 4 oz. fat-free cream cheese, cut into 4 pieces
- 1/2 cup light sour cream
- 4 Tbsp. grated Parmesan
- 2 Tbsp. light mayonnaise
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Assorted vegetable sticks

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray a 9-inch pie plate with nonstick spray.
- 3. Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat.
- 4. Add the onion and cook for 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onion is lightly browned.
- 5. Stir in the garlic and cook, stirring frequently, for 2 minutes.
- 6. Put the artichokes and red peppers in a food processor and pulse until coarsely chopped.
- 7. Add the cream cheese, sour cream, 3 Tbsp. of the Parmesan, and mayonnaise. Pulse until blended.
- 8. Stir the spinach into the onion mixture in the skillet. Then stir in the artichoke mixture, mozzarella, and salt.
- 9. Spoon the mixture into the pie plate and sprinkle with the remaining 1 Tbsp. of Parmesan.
- 10. Bake until heated through and the cheese is melted, 25-30 minutes.
- 11. Serve at once with the vegetables for dipping.

Cheese Fondue

Linda S

Ingredients

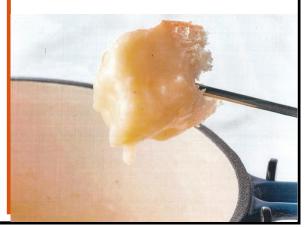
Servings: 5

- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour or cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 lb. shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 lb. shredded Gruyere cheese (can also use Gouda or Fontina)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 loaf (1 lb.) French bread, cut into 1 inch cubes

Directions

- 1. Bring wine to a simmer in a fondue pot over medium-low heat.
- 2. Stir in flour and nutmeg until well combined.
- 3. Add Swiss and Gruyere cheeses, 1/4 lb. at a time. Mix after each addition until cheese is melted. Season with salt.
- 4. Serve with bread.

NOTE: If the fondue gets too thick, add a little more white wine until the texture is to your liking.



My Mom's Spaghetti Meat Sauce

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1/2 stick butter
- 2 lb. ground beef
- 2 Tbsp. dry onion OR 1 large fresh onion, chopped
- 2 cans (6 oz.) tomato paste
- 2 cans (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Water, if needed

- 1. Brown ground beef and onions in butter.
- 2. Add remaining ingredients.
- 3. Water is added only if a thinner sauce is desired.
- 4. Cook/simmer for about 30-45 minutes.



Broccoli Cheese Soup

Julie D

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 package (16 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli
- 4 cans (14.5 oz.) chicken broth
- 1 package (1 lb.) Velveeta Cheese
- 2 cups milk
- 1 Tbsp. garlic powder
- 2/3 cup cornstarch
- 1 cup water

- 1. In a stockpot, melt butter over medium heat.
- 2. Cook onion in butter until softened.
- 3. Stir in broccoli, and cover with chicken broth. Simmer until broccoli is tender, 10-15 minutes.
- 4. Reduce heat, and stir in cheese cubes until melted.
- 5. Mix in milk and garlic powder.
- 6. In a small bowl, stir cornstarch into water until dissolved.
- 7. Stir cornstarch mix into soup; cook, stirring frequently, until melted and heated through.

Portuguese Bean Soup

Kandy J

Ingredients

- 1 lb. dried kidney beans
- 2 cups cut up cooked ham
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, peeled (or garlic powder)
- 2 Tbsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 1/2 cups cubed pared carrots
- 6 cups coarsely shredded cabbage
- 1/2 package (8 oz.) uncooked spaghetti, broken into small pieces

- 1. Wash and drain beans.
- 2. In 8 quart kettle, bring 4 quarts of water to a boil.
- 3. Add ham, beans, tomato sauce, onion, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 4. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer covered for 5 hours.
- 5. Add carrots, cabbage, and spaghetti.
- 6. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, and simmer uncovered for 15-20 minutes or until carrots are tender.

Lentil Soup

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1 bag lentils
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped fine
- 2 stalks celery, chopped fine
- 2 carrots, chopped fine
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped fine
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Water
- Optional: vinegar, lemon juice

Directions

- 1. Sort and wash lentils.
- 2. Sauté onion, celery, carrots, and garlic in heated oil.
- 3. Add tomato sauce and water.
- 4. Cover and bring to a boil, watching so it does not spill over pan.
- 5. Reduce and simmer for two hours.

Note: You can add a dash of vinegar or lemon juice to your individual bowl of soup.



Pigs in a Blanket

Julie D

Ingredients

- 2 cans (8 oz.) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 48 cocktail-size smoked link sausages or hot dogs

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. Unroll both cans of dough.
- 3. Separate into 16 triangles.
- 4. Cut each triangle lengthwise into 3 narrow triangles.
- 5. Place sausage on the shortest side of each triangle.
- 6. Roll up each sausage, starting at the shortest side of the triangle and rolling to the opposite point.
- 7. Place point side down on 2 ungreased cookie sheets.
- 8. Bake 12-15 minutes or until golden brown, switching position of cookie sheets halfway through baking.

Dried Beef Cheese Ball

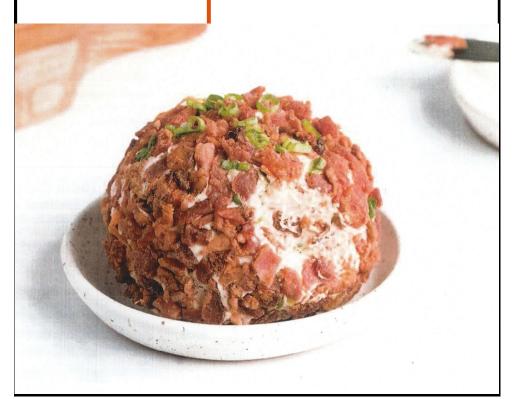
Linda S

Ingredients

Servings: 10

- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese
- 3 oz. dried beef
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 Tbsp.
 Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. onion salt

- 1. In a medium bowl combine cream cheese, dried beef, and chopped onions.
- 2. Mix well, then season with onion salt and Worcestershire sauce.
- 3. Form into a ball and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving.
- 4. Roll in bacon bits, chopped nuts, or shredded cheese.



Roast Chicken with Potatoes

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken
- Potatoes
- Carrots
- Garlic cloves
- Salt and pepper
- Fresh lemon or lemon juice
- Water
- Oil (olive or corn oil)

- 1. Clean chicken. You can roast whole or cut into pieces.
- 2. Place in pan.
- 3. Peel and quarter the potatoes and sauté in corn oil until brown.
- 4. Arrange around chicken.
- 5. Put desired amount of garlic cloves in pan.
- 6. Cut carrots and parboil.
- 7. Remove from water and place in roasting pan.
- 8. Pour desired amount of olive oil and lemon juice.
- 9. Add a small amount of water so potatoes cook.
- 10. Sprinkle with desired amount of oregano, salt, and pepper.
- 11. Cook at 350°F for one hour or until done. Cover with foil for first half hour. Remove foil so chicken and potatoes brown.

Crispy Oven-Fried Chicken with Sage Gravy

Fran F

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup + 2 Tbsp. allpurpose flour
- 2 egg whites, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cups cornflake crumbs
- 2 bone-in chicken breast halves, skinned
- 2 chicken drumsticks, skinned
- 2 chicken thighs, skinned
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne
- 1/4 cup fat-free buttermilk
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 tsp. dried sage
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
- 2. Line a large shallow baking pan with foil.
- 3. Place a wire rack in the pan. Spray the rack with nonstick spray.
- 4. Place 1/2 cup of the flour, egg whites, and cornflake crumbs in different shallow dishes.
- 5. Place the chicken in a large bowl. Sprinkle with salt and cayenne.
- 6. Add the buttermilk and turn to coat.
- 7. Dip the chicken, one piece at a time, into the flour, then into the egg whites, then into the cornflake crumbs, pressing to adhere.
- 8. Place the chicken on the rack and spray the top of chicken lightly with nonstick spray.
- 9. Bake until golden brown and cooked through, about 45 minutes.

Gravy:

- 1. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat.
- 2. Whisk in the remaining 2 Tbsp. of flour. Cook, whisking constantly, until gravy comes to a boil and thickens in about 2 minutes.
- 3. Stir in sage and pepper.

My Mom's Greek Hamburger/Meatballs

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 medium chopped onion OR 2 Tbsp. dry onions
- 2 eggs
- 1 Tbsp. tomato paste
- Mint to taste, dried or fresh
- Salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Combine ingredients. Make small round meatballs or hamburger shapes.
- 2. To fry, roll in flour and fry in oil. Make sure all sides are brown and meat is cooked.
- 3. To bake, arrange in lightly greased pan.
- 4. For hamburger, you may dab a small piece of butter in each one.
- 5. Bake at 400°F, turning once for color.



Mom's Chicken and Biscuit Pot Pie

Fran F

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 cup fat-free halfand-half
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 fennel bulb, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked chicken breast
- 1 package (6 oz.) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

- 1. Preheat the oven to 425°F.
- 2. Spray a 3 quart shallow baking dish with nonstick spray.
- 3. Melt the butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.
- 4. Add the onion, fennel, garlic, and thyme to the skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened (about 6 minutes).
- 5. Stir in the mixed vegetables and chicken. Cook until heated through, about 3 minutes.
- 6. Add the broth mixture and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens (about 2-3 minutes).
- 7. Pout into the prepared baking dish.
- 8. Arrange the biscuits on top of the chicken mixture.
- 9. Bake until the filling is bubbly and the biscuits are golden brown (about 10-12 minutes).

Stuffed Grape Leaves (Dolmathes)

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb. ground meat
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 cup rice
- 1/4–1/2 cup chopped parsley, mint, and dill (depending on your taste)
- 50 grape leaves (approximately), fresh or canned
- 2 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. butter

- Pepper to taste
- Chicken base or broth
- Olive oil
- Lemon juice

Egg-Lemon sauce

- 3 Eggs
- 1 tsp. cornstarch or flour
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup water

Directions

1. Wash fresh leaves thoroughly and blanch in boiling water for 3 minutes. If canned leaves are used, rinse in water to remove excess brine.

Filling

- 1. Combine ground meat, onion, rice, herbs, salt, pepper, and approximately half a cup of olive oil and 1/4 cup lemon juice.
- 2. Add 1/2 cup of chicken base for flavor or mix 1/2 cup water with 1 Tbsp. chicken base.
- 3. Prepare pot: On bottom of pot, layer dried dill stems and/or a few coarse grape leaves.

Stuffed Grape Leaves (Dolmathes), Continued...

Directions Continued...

- 4. Take one tsp. of filling and place in center of one large leaf, being sure the shiny side of leaf is on the outside when rolled (ribbed side inside).
- 5. Carefully fold over top and sides like an envelope and roll up like miniature cigars.
- 6. Carefully arrange in pot, side by side, and in layers until all filling and leaves are used.
- 7. Cover with water so that rolls are underneath.
- 8. Add butter on top.
- 9. Drizzle with olive oil.

Egg-Lemon Sauce

- 1. Beat eggs until light and fluffy
- 2. Add cornstarch slowly and blend well.
- 3. Stir in lemon juice and water.
- 4. Gradually add most of the lukewarm liquid drained from Dolmades
- 5. Place in saucepan over very low heat. Stir constantly until thickened
- 6. Pour over Dolmades.



Beef and Bean Casserole

Jamie S

Ingredients

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 can of baked beans
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 small chopped onion

- 1. Brown beef with onions and seasonings.
- 2. Drain grease.
- 3. Mix with beans and tomato soup in casserole dish.
- 4. Bake at 300°F for 45 minutes.



Easy Tuna Noodle Casserole

Sam T

Ingredients

Servings: 8

- 16 oz. wide egg
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 cups whole milk, divided
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 4 cans (5 oz.) tuna in water, drained
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Toppings:

- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp. butter

Directions

- 1. Cook noodles, then set aside.
- 2. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 3. Coat a 9x13 inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Sauce:

- 1. In a medium-sized saucepan, melt butter over medium heat.
- 2. Stir in flour and cook for 1 minute.
- 3. Gradually add 2 cups of whole milk, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper.

Casserole:

- 1. In a large bowl, mix cooked noodles, drained tuna, prepared sauce, remaining 1 cup of whole milk, frozen peas, and shredded cheddar cheese.
- 2. Spread noodle mixture in prepared baking dish.
- 3. Sprinkle shredded cheddar atop casserole.
- 4. In a small bowl, microwave butter until melted. Stir in breadcrumbs. Spoon mixture atop the cheese on the casserole.
- 5. Bake until the top is golden brown, about 15-20 minutes.

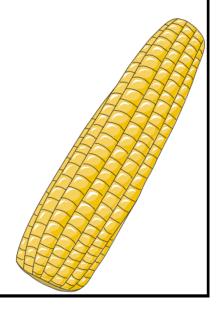
Corn Casserole

Kandy J

Ingredients

- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 can whole kernel corn (drained)
- 1/4 cup onion (chopped)
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 eggs (beaten)
- 1 cup shredded cheese

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Butter casserole dish.
- 3. Mix together above ingredients.
- 4. Bake 45 minutes or until middle of casserole is slightly firm.



Chow Mein Casserole

Jamie S

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cream of chicken soup
- 3 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp.
 Worcestershire sauce
- 1 can chow mein noodles

- 1. In a pan, brown beef, onion, and celery.
- 2. Pour off grease.
- 3. Add remaining ingredients except noodles and put into a casserole.
- 4. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes.
- 5. Sprinkle chow mein noodles on top.

Pastichio

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 large onion, chopped
- Handful of chopped parsley
- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1 lb. penne or large tube spaghetti

- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 cups grated Parmesan cheese

Cream Sauce:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 8 Tbsp. flour
- 4 cups milk
- 4–6 egg volks

- 1. Add salt and pepper to ground beef.
- 2. Fry until meat juices are absorbed.
- 3. Add chopped onion, chopped garlic, parsley, and 4 Tbsp. of butter and brown well.
- 4. Add tomato sauce and water, and simmer until liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Cook pasta in salt water for 10 minutes. Do not overcook. Rinse and drain well.
- 6. Grease large baking pan (11x14 or 13x9) with melted butter. Sprinkle with a handful of grated cheese.
- 7. Combine pasta with 1/2 cup melted butter.

Pastichio; Continued...

Directions Continued...

- 8. Arrange half of it in pan.
- 9. Sprinkle with grated cheese and cover with meat mixture, spreading evenly over entire surface.
- 10. Cover with remaining pasta and grated cheese.
- 11. Prepare cream sauce.

Cream Sauce

- 1. Melt butter. Add flour and stir until slightly brown.
- 2. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly until slightly thickened.
- 3. Slowly add slightly beaten egg yolks, and cook over very low heat until thickened.
- 4. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- 5. Spread sauce evenly over pasta.
- 6. Sprinkle with grated cheese and a little cinnamon.
- 7. Bake in oven at 350°F for about 50 minutes.

Note: Cream sauce should be thick enough to form a top layer.



Smothered Pork Chops with Onion Gravy

Fran F

Ingredients

- 4 (6 oz.) bone-in pork loin chops, trimmed
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 2 sweet onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 cup reduced sodium beef broth
- 1 tsp. whole-grain Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh thyme

- 1. Sprinkle the chops with the salt and pepper.
- 2. Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat.
- 3. Add the chops and cook, turning occasionally, until browned (about 4 minutes). Put to the side.
- 4. Add the onions and water to the skillet. Bring to a boil.
- 5. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, stirring occasionally until the onions are very tender (about 12-15 minutes).
- 6. Sprinkle the onions with the flour. Cook, stirring constantly (about 1 minute).
- 7. Add the broth, mustard, and thyme. Bring to a boil; stirring until the sauce bubbles and thickens.
- 8. Return the chops and any accumulated juices to the skillet.
- 9. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, until the chops are heated through (about 2-3 minutes).

Orange JELL-O

Jamie S

Ingredients

- 2 packages (3 oz.) orange JELL-O
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 2 cups orange sherbet
- 1 small can mandarin oranges

- 1. Put JELL-O mix in large mixing bowl.
- 2. Dissolve JELL-O in boiling water. Stir for 2 minutes.
- 3. Add lemon juice and sherbet.
- 4. Stir until dissolved.
- 5. Fold in oranges and put into 8x8 square pan. Chill in the refrigerator at least 4 hours or until the gelatin is set.



Skillet Macaroni and Cheese

Fran F

Ingredients

- 8 oz. whole-wheat macaroni
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. + 2 Tbsp. allpurpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free milk
- 1 cup shredded reduced-fat sharp cheddar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. plain dried bread crumbs
- 1. Tbsp. grated Parmesan

- 1. Cook the macaroni according to package directions and drain.
- 2. Melt the butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat.
- 3. Add the flour and cook, whisking constantly, for 1 minute.
- 4. Gradually whisk in the milk. Increase the heat and cook, whisking constantly, until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens slightly, about 5 minutes.
- 5. Remove from heat and add the cheddar, salt, and pepper. Whisk until the cheese is melted.
- 6. Add the pasta to the cheese sauce, stirring to coat.
- 7. Preheat the broiler.
- 8. Stir the bread crumbs and Parmesan together in a small bowl.
- 9. Sprinkle over the macaroni and cheese in the skillet.
- 10. Broil 5 inches from the heat source, until the crumbs are browned (about 1 minute).

Baklava

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 2 lb. walnuts
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg (optional)
- 2 lb. melted butter
- 2 lb. fillo/phyllo dough (thin pastry sheets)

- 1. Grind walnuts, and mix with sugar and spices.
- 2. Grease 11 x 16 inch pan with melted butter.
- 3. Place 12 fillo dough sheets in large pan, brushing each with melted butter.
- 4. Sprinkle with 2 cups of nut mixture.
- 5. Cover with 5 fillo dough sheets, brushing each generously with butter.
- 6. Continue this procedure until all nut mixture is used.
- 7. Finish with 12 fillo dough sheets on top, brushing each with melted butter.
- 8. Make sure no fillo are sticking out of pan.
- 9. Chill for 15 minutes.
- 10. Cut into small diamond shapes.
- 11. Bake in 300°F oven for 90 minutes, until lightly browned.
- 12. Remove from oven and pour cool syrup over hot pastry.



- 1. Combine 5 cups sugar, 3 cups water, and juice of 1 lemon.
- 2. Optional: add 1/2 cup of honey for taste.
- 3. Cook syrup to medium consistency. Then let it cool.



Red Velvet Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

Fran F

Ingredients

Cake:

- 2 cups cake flour
- 3 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. red food coloring

Frosting:

- 1 package (8 oz.) fat-free cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup fat-free Greek yogurt
- 3/4 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

Cake Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray an 8-inch round baking pan with nonstick spray.
- 3. Whisk the flour, baking powder, cocoa, baking soda, and salt together in a large bowl.
- 4. Whisk the buttermilk, granulated sugar, oil, egg, and food coloring together in medium bowl.
- 5. Add the buttermilk mixture to the flour mixture; stir until well blended.
- 6. Scrape the butter into the pan.

Red Velvet Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting, continued...

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- 7. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 35-40 minutes.
- 8. Let cool completely in the pan on a rack. Run a knife around the edge of the cake to loosen it from the pan. Invert.

Frosting Directions

- 1. With an electric mixture on high speed, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, yogurt, and vanilla in a medium bowl until smooth, about 1 minute.
- 2. Split the cake layer in half with a long serrated knife.
- 3. Place the bottom layer, cut side up, on a serving plate.
- 4. Spread 1/2 cup of the frosting evenly over the layer, leaving 1/2 inch border.
- 5. Place the remaining cake layer on top, rounded side up.
- 6. Spread the remaining 1 cup frosting over the top and side of the cake.
- 7. Sprinkle the pecans on the side of the cake, pressing to adhere.

Koulourakia - Greek Twist Butter Cookies

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup Crisco
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 6 cups flour
- Pinch of baking soda



- 1. With an electric beater, cream the butter, shortening, and sugar until very light.
- 2. Add eggs, one at a time, blending well after each addition.
- 3. Add vanilla, baking powder, baking soda, and 3 cups flour.
- 4. Continue beating until thoroughly blended.
- 5. Remove bowl from mixture, and stir in remaining flour (or enough to make soft dough.)
- 6. Knead a few minutes.
- 7. Pinch off small pieces of dough. Roll until pencil like strands about 5 inches long and less than 1/2 inch thick.
- 8. Form each strand in a circle, overlapping ends.
- 9. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets.
- 10. Brush with milk or beaten egg.
- 11. Bake at 350°F or until lightly browned.

Watergate Cake

Linda S

Ingredients

Servings: 18

- 1 package (18.25 oz.) white cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup lemon-lime flavored soda pop
- 2 packages (3 oz.) instant pistachio pudding mix
- 1 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup cold milk

- 1. Combine cake mix, eggs, oil, soda pop, and 1 box pistachio pudding.
- 2. Pour batter into a greased and floured 13 x 9 pinch pan.
- 3. Bake at 350°F for 30-40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Let cool completely.
- 4. While cake is baking, mix 1 box pistachio pudding, whipped topping, and milk.
- 5. Chill. Ice cooled cake with chilled frosting.

Cheese Triangles - Tiropetes

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese
- 3/4 lb. melted butter
- Pepper
- Crushed dry mint leaves
- 1 container (16 oz.) small curd cottage cheese or feta
- 1 package fillo/phyllo dough (thin pastry sheets)



- 1. Beat eggs until fluffy.
- 2. Add cream cheese and continue beating until well blended.
- 3. Add crumbled mint and pepper to taste.
- 4. Continue to add in cream cheese and blend.
- 5. Cut fillo dough into appetizer size or larger if preferred.
- 6. For each triangle, brush half the fillo with melted butter.
- 7. Fold over half of fillo to make a strip about 3 inches in width.
- 8. Brush with butter.
- 9. Place 1 tsp. cheese mixture at one end of each strip, folding strip diagonally until triangles are formed.
- 10. Brush tops with melted butter, and place on greased baking sheet.
- 11. Bake in 350°F oven for approximately 20 minutes, or until golden.
- 12. Makes about 40 appetizer size triangles.

Blueberry Delight

Kandy J

Ingredients

- 1 stick butter (melted)
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 container Cool Whip (slightly thawed)
- 2 cans blueberry pie filling

- 1. Mix together butter, flour, and nuts and spread in 3 quart dish
- 2. Bake 30 minutes at 350°F.
- 3. Let cool.
- 4. Mix cream cheese and sugar well.
- 5. Fold in Cool Whip.
- 6. Spread on top of cooled crust.
- 7. Top with 2 cans of blueberry pie filling.
- 8. Let it chill.



Chocolate-Studded Cannoli Cake

Fran F

Ingredients

- 2 cups cake flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 1/4 cup cannoli oil
- 1/2 cup mini semisweet chocolate chips

Frosting:

- 1 container (15 oz.) fat-free ricotta
- 1 package (3 oz.) fat-free cream cheese, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 Tbsp. grated orange zest
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp. chopped unsalted pistachio nuts

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray two 8-inch round cake pans with nonstick spray; line with wax paper rounds and spray with nonstick spray.
- 3. Whisk the flour, baking soda, and salt together in a medium bowl.
- 4. With an electric mixture on high speed, beat the eggs and egg whites in a large bowl until thickened, about 2 minutes.
- 5. Gradually, add the granulated sugar, beating until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes.
- 6. On low speed, add the buttermilk and oil, beating just until blended.
- 7. Add the flour mixture, beating just until incorporated.

Chocolate-Studded Cannoli Cake; Continued...

Directions Continued...

- 8. Stir in chocolate chips.
- 9. Spoon the batter into the pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the centers comes out clean, about 35 minutes.
- 10. Let cool in the pans on racks 10 minutes.
- 11. Invert the layers on racks. Peel off the wax paper and let it cool completely on the racks.

Frosting

- 1. With an electric mixture at high speed, beat the ricotta, cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, orange zest, and vanilla in a medium bowl until smooth, about 1 minute.
- 2. Place 1 cake layer, rounded size down, on a serving plate
- 3. With a narrow metal spatula, spread 1/2 cup of the frosting over the layer.
- 4. Top with the remaining layer, rounded side up.
- 5. Spread the remaining frosting over the top and side of the cake.
- 6. Sprinkle the pistachios on top of the cake.

Cream Cheese cookies

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 1 lb. unsalted butter
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- (start with) 2 cups flour

- 1. Cream the butter and sugar. Add egg yolk and cream cheese. Blend well.
- 2. Add vanilla, flour, and baking powder. Blend well.
- 3. Add more flour until you have a soft dough that does not stick to your hands and you are able to roll.
- 4. Roll a piece of dough to about 6 inches long and 1/4 inch thick.
- 5. Roll into a circular cookie.
- 6. Bake at 350°F oven about 8-10 minutes depending on your oven or until cookies is light golden on the lower edge near cookie sheet.



Golden Zucchini-Apple Loaf Cake

Fran F

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 3/4 cup fat-free Greek yogurt
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 large egg white
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups shredded zucchini

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray a 5 x 9 inch loaf pan with nonstick spray.
- 3. Whisk the flours, sugars, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a large bowl.
- 4. Whisk the applesauce, yogurt, oil, eggs, egg white, and vanilla together in a medium bowl.
- 5. Add the yogurt mixture to the flour mixture.
- 6. Stir just until the flour mixture is moistened.
- 7. Stir in the zucchini just until combined.
- 8. Scrape the batter into the pan.
- 9. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, about 1 hour and 10 minutes.
- 10. Let cool in the pan on a rack 10 minutes.
- 11. Remove the cake from the pan and let cool completely on the rack.

Lemon-Butter Snow Bars

Julie D

Ingredients

Crust:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 1/4 cup sugar

Filling:

- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- Confectioners' sugar

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Combine all crust ingredients.
- 3. Mix on low for 1 minute.
- 4. Pat into ungreased 8 inch square pan.
- 5. Bake at center of oven for 15–20 minutes, or until brown on edges.
- 6. Combine all filling ingredients and mix well.
- 7. Pour filling over pre-baked crust.
- 8. Bake for 18–20 minutes or until set.
- 9. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.
- 10. Cool, then cut into 16 bars.

Christmas Cookies

Sophia A

Ingredients

- 5 1/2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup margarine
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sour milk with1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Icing:

- 1 box powdered sugar
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Milk

Directions

- 1. Stir together flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder. Set aside.
- 2. Beat margarine and slowly add eggs.
- 3. Continue to slowly add milk and vanilla.
- 4. Add dry ingredients mixture.
- 5. Refrigerate dough overnight.
- 6. If dough is too sticky, add a little flour.
- 7. Flour surface and begin to roll out dough, small pieces at a time.
- 8. Cut into desired shapes.
- 9. Cook in oven at 400°F for 10 minutes.
- 10. Let it cool.

Icing:

- 1. Mix powdered sugar, butter, and vanilla.
- 2. Add milk to desired consistency.
- 3. Ice cookies and decorate as desired.





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