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Christmas Cookie Swap!: More Than 100 Treats To Share This Holiday Season



Synopsis

Spread the holiday spirit with this classic collection for ultimate swapping inspiration. Baked goods define the holiday season. In this keepsake book of cookies, brownies, bars, and confections, home cooks will find 120 perennial favorites ranging from Eggnog Crackle Cookies and Spiced Sorghum Snowflakes to Cherry-Lemon Candy Canes and Peppermint Brownie Bars. Easy-to-follow recipes are accompanied by gorgeous photographs, with cookie swap secrets, creative packaging suggestions, and how-to tips sprinkled throughout. Whether a seasoned baker or new to this fun tradition, every reader will discover baked creations to share with loved ones for years to come.

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Customer Reviews

I really like this book. I ordered 3 books for Christmas goodies and this one is my favorite. It has a picture for every recipe.

The best cookie book ever !!! Five of us bake close to 300 dozen every December. Most of our recipes come from this book.

Not one cookie in there I would bake -- most are just rewrites of "any old cookie".

Some interesting new recipes

This could be the most informative Christmas cookbook filled with the most delicious cookies I have seen. Nicole Fisher is the editor of this cookbook, and much to my chagrin I could not find a photographer mentioned. The photographs are beautiful, the food presented in all its glory in such an appetizing manner. There are 256 pages, and 100 recipes. There is something for everyone and more. This cookbook has six chapters devoted to cookies, bar cookies, every size and shape cookies. The first page is dedicated to Merry Christmas. And then we start the chapters. Christmas Cookie Basics: best frosting, how to decorate cookies, how to run a cookie swap, and how to set up your cookies to look their best. Cookies for Santa: this may be my favorite chapter, all the cookies we remember from our childhood and on. Triple Ginger Snaps, Chocolate Covered Cherry Cookies, Easiest Peanut Butter Cookies, and on & on. Decorated Cookies: the most beautiful cookies you have ever seen outside of a gourmet bakery. These take time, but they are gorgeous. The stained glass and the snow globe cookies are my best bet. Christmas Classics: all the Linzer cookies, you have ever seen, all the drop cookies, chocolate dipped cookies and lemon snow cones. Brownies and Bars: every kind of brownie, maple pecan blonde brownie sings to me, macadamia turtle bars, and every kind of cookie bar in your imagination. Confectioners: German chocolate truffles. Snickerdoodle truffles, buttery almond toffee, sea turtles, every kind of fudge, and marshmallows. A metric equivalents page and then the index. Do not under any circumstance read this cookbook on an empty stomach. These recipes and photographs are so beautiful. I am already planning my cookie swap and the cookies I will bake. Recommended. prisrob 10-25-16

Christmas cookies are a standing tradition in my family (and in part of the family are a source of competition), so this book is a good fit for me. I was anxious to see what this book has to offer, and so far I am very pleased with it and have found a number of new favorites to break out for the Christmas season. The point of this cookie book is not to present a bunch of recipes to be made year-round; instead, it presents a great collection of seasonal cookie recipes that are for the Christmas holiday season. Many of these are shaped cookies and require special cookie cutters, while others rely more on flavors that are reminiscent of the season, heavy with cinnamon, nutmeg and peppermint. To be fair, there are some recipes for cookies that are appropriate outside of the Christmas season, one such example being brownie cookies. Every recipe comes with a full-color picture so you can see what you're making and what it should look like. The decorated cookies, made to look like gingerbread men, snow globes, reindeer and other shapes all require special cutters but also require some decorating finesse. I unfortunately lack that finesse, but I intend to try a couple of these as the season nears. Especially intriguing are the snow globe cookies

which not only require special cutters but also take some patience in decorating; these are a bit more sophisticated than most. One of the things I look at in cookie recipes is the fat used. Some use butter, some use margarine and still others use shortening. Every recipe I have looked at in this book uses butter which is a good thing - it is probably the most natural of the fats available and it tastes better in my opinion. You probably could substitute but I have not tried this with any of the recipes as I usually have butter available to me. The recipes I have tried has turned out very well. I am not skilled enough to make them look as nice as they appear in the pictures but the flavors have been great. As the season gets closer and more seasonal ingredients become more readily available, such as eggnog, I will be trying more. But, so far I have found no duds. I really like this cookie book and am already looking forward to making a number of batches for giving at Christmas time. The recipes are easy to follow, they seem to turn out right and there's a wide enough variety that you can find something that everyone will like. If you're looking for a cookie book that will give you some great ideas for the Christmas holiday season, this is a good one that's worth some consideration.

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