A Calendar of Baking Hospitality and Hacks.

By HomeBaking.org





National Gratitude Month

November



#### Gratitude...is the first ingredient for joy.

- ► The Bread Basket ...is a second ingredient for joy all around the world.
- Pumpkin adds a third! Bakers love these <u>BEST of pumpkin recipes</u>.
- For dessert, plate a sweet bread <u>Spiced Pumpkin</u> <u>Bread</u> (left).



Pumpkin Rolls

Baking Hack: No baking soda on hand? You've got to have a <u>leavener</u>. <u>Baking soda is not the same as baking powder</u>. But baking powder can substitute, use 3 teaspoons baking powder for every 1 teaspoon soda. A plain milk instead of buttermilk may be used.

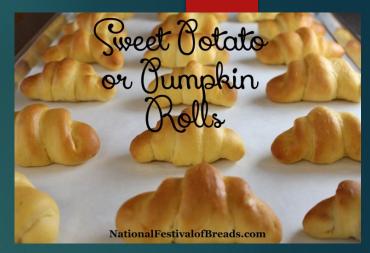
"Roll" with pumpkin, squash or sweet potato.



Cooked pumpkin, squash or sweet potato give breads a soft, tender crumb and extra holding quality. (Great grandma knew this©)

- Pumpkin Rolls -knotted or crescent are as good as they look! View how to shape knots.
- Pumpkin Pie Brioche (left) will be the tenderest of all.
- Round out your bread basket with Maple Bacon Popovers (lower right)





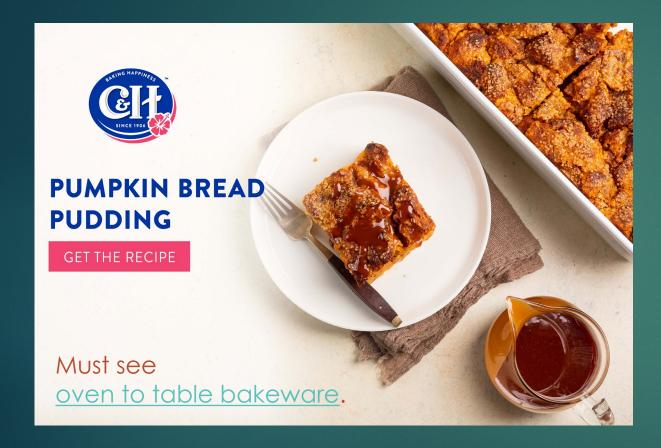




Baking Hack: Baking rolls the day before you serve them? Store baked rolls between 68° and 78° F. - never refrigerate yeast breads. Freeze if not enjoying within a day or two.



Real sugar and vanilla are an A-team! HomeBaking.org



Pumpkin Bread Pudding
Don't miss Chef Laura Kasavan's how-to video!



- Explore <u>Types of Sugar</u>.
- Add a sparkle with Turbinado topping bread pudding, muffins, cakes
- Golden for granulated, molasses for honey



Baking Hack: Avoid the guess work of overbaking a custard pie or bread pudding- Take the internal temperature at center. It's done at 160° F.

Why do bakers add vinegar?
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#### There are many different vinegar varieties.

- ► Vinegar's great to <u>"sour" milk when buttermilk is</u> <u>not available</u>. Add 1 T. vinegar in a measuring cup and stir in milk to equal 1 cup buttermilk.
- ► Vinegar may be added to yeast breads as a preservative. Use no more than 1 Tablespoon per 2½ cups wheat flour (~1% of flour weight)
- ► But is there really such a thing as <u>Vinegar Pie?</u> Check out this slice of American food history.





**Baking Hack:** Adding <u>a tablespoon of vinegar</u> with the ice water in pie pastry has been done for centuries to tenderize the flour and crust. Baker Bettie shares <u>the step-by-steps to a great pie crust</u>.





For some of us, there's got to be PUMPKIN PIE.



- ▶ Do you know your <u>pie history</u>?
- Smooth and creamy best describes this featured fabulous recipe.
- ▶ Never skimp on the whipped cream, and Rodelle vanilla has the best©



Baking Hack: Go whole grain with the Whole Grains Council's "best pumpkin pie."

Always dreamed of latticing your pie crust? Well it's as easy as...well, pie. <a href="https://example.com/HomeBaking.org">HomeBaking.org</a>





- Whole wheat, graham cracker, almond flour ...all lend some great options, including Gluten-Free.
- Let <u>Chef Kristin Hoffman</u> show you how to make a lattice top crust for your next savory or sweet pie.
- ► FCS Teacher, Marla Prusa, walks you through each step with Pastry Pizzaz.



Baking Hack: The pastry ratio of "3-2-1" is easy to remember and easy to produce! For a 9-inch single crust, 1 ½ cups flour (6 oz/180g), 1/2 cup cold butter or fat (4 oz/120g); and 1/4 cup ice water (2 oz/60g).

<u>Pie baking tips and techniques.</u>
<a href="HomeBaking.org">HomeBaking.org</a>

- Bakers ask us...What's the best pie baking pan or "plate?"
- ► Hate soggy pie crusts? The glass pie plate is your solution and Anchor Hocking, American made since 1905, gets our vote.









Baking Hack: A nut as American as pie? Don't miss baking with the robust and nutritionally rich as Black Walnut!

Celebrate #ParentsAsTeachersDay- STEM/STEAM Education Day HomeBaking.org Find Parents as Teachers in your school district.









- Bake for Family Fun and Baking Food Safety resources help parents and children bake together- great for math, reading and food literacy!
- Down load our Baking Education Resource Guide!
- Use<u>Thrill of Skill (an age-appropriate guide) and Baking Skills</u> <u>Checklist</u> to watch skills grow.
- Mealtime Solutions let's everybody help \$ave with home prepared meals that boost literacy, school success,
- Easy as Pie Book and Bake is a great start!

Baking Hack: Everyone loves magic! Bake an <u>Impossible Pie</u> to reveal the ingredient that makes the crust!



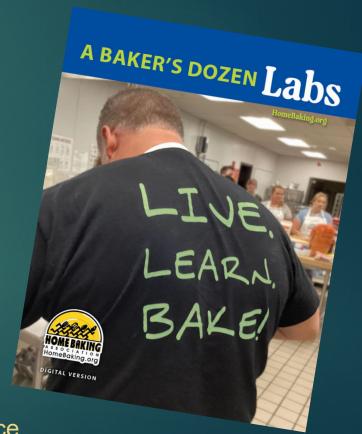


No worries baking Gluten Free.

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- Learn what gluten is and how to make your own GF flour mix.
- ► Grains and flours containing gluten: barley, durum semolina, einkorn, emmer, farro, rye, spelt, wheat.
- ► When you bake without gluten, you will replace structure with guar gum, egg whites, xanthan gum.
- ► Learn more with <u>A Baker's Dozen, Live, Learn, Bake</u> a manual for everything baking with GF options throughout for home, school, community and careers.
- ► Use <u>test-kitchen sources</u> for <u>GF recipes</u>

Baking Hack: Hold gluten-free dough 1/2 hour (up to overnight) in the refrigerator to soften and improve product's texture. More <u>GF Baking guidance</u>



Need a moveable feast?
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- ► Empanadas come to mind…or Beef and Cheddar Pies
- ► New York Calzones or stromboli are perfect for gatherings.
- Fillings may include olives, grated Parmesan, pepperoni, mushrooms, mozzarella and sauce.









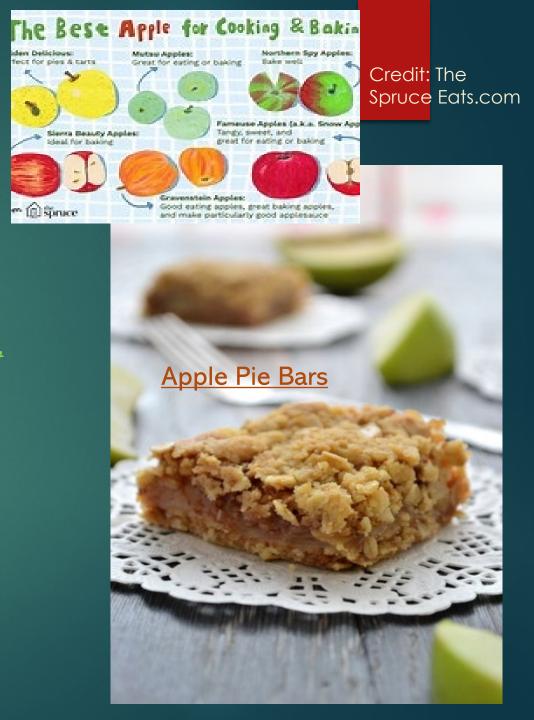


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Baking for vegan friends, family, guests?...Bake on!

- ► Alongside butter, serve <u>apple butter</u> or <u>pumpkin butter</u> on your table.
- ► All flours and meals, <u>beet and cane sugars</u>, are vegan. More at <u>Baking Whole Grain 101</u>.
- Eggs work so well, but a substitute may be chia seeds, flax meal, tofu or aquafaba- view Chef Gemma's Egg Substitute chart.
- ➤ Oat, nut- or soy-based milks bake differently but can be a yummy sub in muffins, quick breads, pancakes and cakes.

Baking Hack: Dairy butter is 80% fat/20% water. "Plant butters" vary in fat and water content. Read label—look for 80% fat when you substitute. The end flavors and textures will vary based on the plant used.





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World Kindness Day
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- Bake to Give will inspire, guide and support you!
- Plan to share "a baker's dozen" of your favorite baked goods.
- Charity Bagels helps you bake AND donate to local shelter or food needs.
- ► Farm-to-oven, visit <u>our member's test kitchens</u> for tried and true baking support.

Baking Hack: Boost the care-giving to the planet with <u>Good</u> <u>Natured Products</u>, a bio-plastic to-go packaging for your locally baked goods!



**Charity Bagels** 

Nov. 15 is <u>Bundt Cake Day</u> – just the cake to feed a crowd! <u>HomeBaking.org</u>

- ► A Bundt cake can be any cake baked in a Bundt pan, forming the distinctive ring shape.
- ► A keeper like Nancy Jane Pound Cake (top right) is perfect to have at-the-ready to serve.
- ► The Bundt pan was first inspired by the European fruit cake, <u>Kugelhopf.</u>
- No Bundt pan? Sub with a <u>round glass casserole</u> with an upside-down custard cup in the middle (grease all as directed) or a nine-inch square pan will work for an 8-cup Bundt cake recipe.





Spiced Apple Bundt Cake



Baking Hack: Thinking savory? Use your Bundt pan or round glass casserole for a Pull-apart Loaf like Everything Bundt the Bagel or Monkey Bread ©

Nov. 17—National #HomemadeBreadDay HomeBaking.org





- Just beginning to bake bread? How to Bake a Loaf of Bread and Easy Home Made Buns (right) are perfect to get you started.
- Ardent Mills helps you learn about <u>Organic wheat</u>, <u>Ancient Grains</u>, <u>spelt</u>, <u>and durum flours</u>.
- Access winning <u>homemade bread ingredient</u> <u>innovations</u> like <u>No-Knead Pumpkin Ale Bread</u> (left)
- ► Bake for Good Everyday Whole Grain Bread includes the art and science step-by-step.





Get great support at Red
Star Yeast learning
center and King Arthur
Baker's Hotline.

Baking Hack: Time challenged we are! Homemade bread can be "quick" bread requiring no kneading OR mix one day and bake another by refrigerating freshly mixed yeast dough.



Make Nov. 23, Cranberry Day/Thanksgiving prep day! HomeBaking.org

FACT: Blueberries, Concord grapes and cranberries are the only native North American commonly cultivated fruits.

- ► <u>Cranberry Scones</u> are great to "cut and freeze ready-to-bake" when guests arrive.
- ▶ Prep a <u>Cranberry Nut Cookie</u> dough, scoop and bake or freeze in a food storage container to be ready to bake as needed.
- The Cranberry Institute is the perfect farm-to- kitchen link to all things cranberry and Michigan State U. Extension guides on how to freeze them while in season.

Baking Hack: <u>Thickening a fruit pie perfectly</u> is easier <u>with King Arthur Baking's Pie Thickener Chart.</u> Give it a try with <u>Spiced Cherry Cranberry Pie</u> (right)







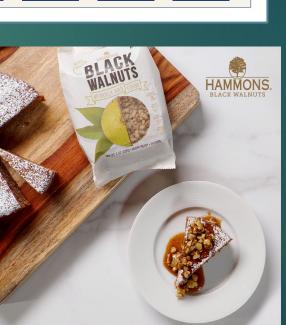
November 26- National Cake Day! HomeBaking.org

- Pumpkin Pie Cake is a "just dessert" for the day.
- Lighten up with a glazed <u>Fat Free Carrot Cake</u>
- Vegan and Gluten-free? <u>Vanilla Cake</u> is made to amaze.
- Or, a native American black walnut specialty...<u>5-Ingredient</u> Calabrian Black Walnut Cake.

Baking Hack: Short on pumpkin pie spice these days? Here's the blend (For 2 ½ Tablespoons= 6 ½ teaspoons): 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon 2 teaspoons ground ginger

1 teaspoon ground cloves ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg





5 INGREDIENT CALABRIAN BLACK WALNUT CAKE



Access Chef Eleonora's Cake Baking and Frosting guides, HomeBaking.org



### December Baking

#### A Baker's Gifting Sneak Peak!

Coffee cake –OH the OPTIONS! Wrap one up as a "know-yourguests-are-coming" gift.



► Shortbread's a great treat- share a new flavor - Rose and Cardamom or an up-scale cousin, Butter Tart Squares.









Every Baker's wish!
A <u>Thermopop thermometer in</u> my stocking!

Baking Hack: Save time with our ready-to-succeed <u>recipes</u> for cookies, cakes, frosting, pies plus <u>cookie exchange recipes</u> for pets and people.