

April Baking



A calendar of hospitality, events and hacks!



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Asparagus...spinach...green onions...broccoli...



- Easy Mini-Quiche Bites (left) are perfect for a ready-to-go breakfasts or brunch.
- Spring rains have asparagus popping, perfect for a Spring Tonic Quiche.
- Take a listen to Baker Bettie on how to make pie crust for garden fresh baking.



Baking Hack: For Quiche we love a 100% whole wheat pie crust. To prevent soggy bottoms, bake in glass pie plates!

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There's a soft pretzel for every taste, every day.

- Let Classic Wholegrain Pretzels get you started
- Soft Pretzels ... Mini...Salted Caramel
...Cinnamon Sugar...Pesto Parmesan...bites...
- Cheddar Jalapeno Pretzels–
- View How to Make Soft Pretzels,
<https://youtu.be/eSBsUyj37dM>

Baking HACK: Shape pretzels extra thick for super sandwich buns! Make them “Everything” Soft Pretzel!



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April 1 - No fooling! It's sourdough bread day.



- [Bread history starts with sourdough.](#)
- Explore with Baker Bettie [No-Knead Sourdough](#) and [how to make a sour dough starter from scratch.](#)
- You'll love [Easy Everyday Sourdough Bread](#) (right)
- No time to feed starter? Let [Red Star's sourdough yeast](#) go to work!



Baking Hack: On cold days, place your shaped bread to “proof” (“raise”) in a microwave or standard oven with a steaming cup or bowl of hot water. Target temperature range for proofing? 90-105° F. (NOTE: Hotter is not better.)

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April 2- [#PeanutButterAndJellyDay](#)



Peanut butter went viral after it debuted at the Chicago World's Fair in 1883. Home Economist Julia Davis Chandler first paired Peanut butter *and* Jelly in 1901.



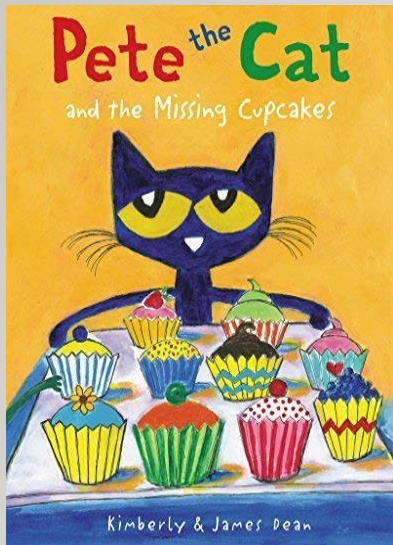
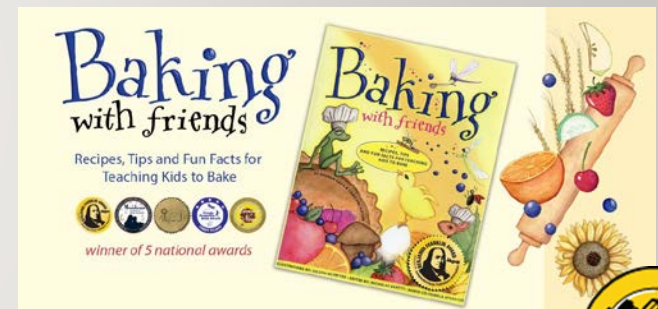
- [Peanut Butter and Jelly Swirl Rolls](#) will delight!
- [Peanut Butter and Jelly Muffins](#)– Gluten Free or Wheat– are delicious! (left)

Baking Hack: Mix [Peanut Butter Cookie](#) batter. Instead of “criss-cross,” fill the center with your best jelly like you would a [Thumbprint Cookie](#).



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April 3-9- National Library Week



- Book and Bake! Is a delish path to literacy building!
- Baking with Friends includes recipes plus age-appropriate tasks for children.
- Master creative cupcakes just like Pete the Cat with Domino Carrot Cake Cupcakes (right)

Baking Hack:
Learn test kitchen baking, frosting
and decoration basics and tips.



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April 9- Easter Basket Bounty



Don't miss this [Easter Egg Cookie Decorating Kit](#)

Family and friends will love these new twists to your Easter bread basket!

- [C&H Carrot Cake Cinnamon Rolls](#) (right)



Baking Hack: [Almost Instant Dinner Rolls](#) pair so well with your meal...and time! (left)



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April 13- Peach Cobbler Day



Watch Charlene Patton prepare [Country Fruit Cobbler](#).



- **Cobbler history:** *“Unable to make traditional suet puddings...settlers covered a stewed fruit filling with a layer of uncooked plain biscuits or dumplings, fitted together.”*
- View how dough is made: [Biscuits 101 with Chef Devin Donley, Renwood Mills](#).
- When cobbler (right) is fully cooked, the surface may look like a cobbled street.

Baking Hack: Cook the fruit, sugar and cornstarch mixture, pour into the baking dish and hold in the hot oven while you make the “cobbles” (sweet biscuits). Use a [buttermilk biscuit mix](#) for a quick batter fix!

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April 15- Coffee, tea or dessert, go bananas!

- [Banana Sourcream Coffee Cake](#) is a must...(top right)
- Add native black walnuts for a gourmet [Banana Bread](#)
- [Banana Upside Down Cake](#) is what's for dessert, with a creamy caramel sauce



Baking Hack: Keep bananas at-the-ready. Peel bananas at the point of ripeness right for baking options. Wrap in waxed paper, drop into a zipped food bag, and freeze. Pull out as many as needed.





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April 20- Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Generations of potluck home bakers share this cake.

- Pineapple Upside Down Cupcakes are perfect for one.
- Here's the Pineapple Upside Down Cake we all love! (above)
- Traditionalists bake Pineapple Upside Down Cake in cast iron. A 10-inch cast iron = 8 X 8 X 2-inch pan



Baking Hack: Cake flour not available? Whisk 2 Tablespoons cornstarch and 7/8 cup bleached all-purpose flour for each cup. Just remember: there's no real substitute for the tender crumb soft wheat flour provides.



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It's cherry cheesecake day, a day to thank the Greeks!
Cheesecake was believed created on Samos, 2000 B.C.



You'll love the lightness of a No-Bake Cherry Vanilla Cheesecake!



- How to celebrate? Hold a cherry cheesecake making session at home with family or friends!
- Let Chef Gemma be your guide to all things cheesecake- from no-bake to New York Cheesecake!



Baking Hack: Taste how adding fresh citrus zest or juice brightens and lightens this cheese cake cousin, Strawberry Cream Cheese Tart.

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April 25- Zucchini Bread Day



- Blend zucchini with two cheeses and fresh thyme and green onion in Savory Muffins. (lower right)
- Garden Harvest Zucchini Bread will be a new favorite. Less oil, more flavor! (right)
- Lemon adds the zest to zucchini bread. (far right)



Baking Hack: Fresh is best, but in a pinch, 1 Tablespoon fresh herbs may be substituted with ½ to 1 teaspoon of the same herb, dried.

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April 26- Kids and Pets Day



Elaine Aukstikalnis, King Arthur Flour friend, shares her Best of Breed Dog Treats, “vetted by the vet.”

Baking Hack: Use a fork to “dock” the pet treats horizontally across the cut-out treat for crisp baking.

- What’s best in a pet treat?
- Bake-your-own whole grain antioxidant-rich pet treats.
- Best of Breed Dog Treats are whole grain and protein-rich. (left)
- How-to video, Pet Treat Tips, and step-by-step recipe.





May Baking Calendar

“Everything’s sweeter when shared.”

Take a sneak peak!



Strawberry
Cupcakes



May celebrations call for cake!

Join Chef Eleonora Lahud, ASR, for a recorded ZOOM.

Icings, Buttercream, Meringues

Baking Hack: Explore why sugar is added to foods we love!
Sprinkle a teaspoon on fresh strawberries to release juices (macerate).

