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# Taste Of Home Cookies: 623 Irresistible Delights



## Synopsis

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Â This keepsake book of cookie recipes from Taste of Home contains over 600 delights-from simple chip-filled drop cookies and gooey, jam-packed sandwiches to fudgy brownies and delicate buttery shortbreads. Take a look inside and you'll find:

- \* More than 600 cookies for every occasion, from after-school snacks and charity bake sales to holiday cookie platters and charming hostess gifts
- \* Twelve chapters devoted to different cookies, including shortcut cookies, big batch treats, Christmas favorites, and more
- \* Extra recipes for brownies and bars
- \* A chapter dedicated to "big batch baking," perfect for classroom treats and potlucks
- \* Handy how-to tips and a resourceful guide to the art of cookie-making
- \* Hundreds of mouth-watering photos

All recipes have been tested by Taste of Home Test Kitchen home economists, so you're guaranteed a great cookie every single time you make it!

**REVIEW AUTHOR BIO** Launched in 1993, Taste of Home is the most popular recipe magazine in the world, with nearly 4 million paid subscribers. The delectable, practical recipes-more than 75 in each issue-are family favorites contributed by Taste of Home readers. The dishes, all beautifully photographed, capture special flavors of the season and are made with ingredients that home cooks are likely to have on hand or can readily find at a local supermarket. New recipe contests are announced every issue, and readers are encouraged to send their best recipes for Taste of Home's regular features, like "A Complete Meal in a Matter of Minutes," "Cooking for One or Two," "My Mom's Best Meal," "Super Snacks & Appetizers," and "Just Desserts." The magazine's unique staff of field editors is made up of more than 1,000 experienced home cooks located in each state and Canadian province, who regularly share recipes, well-liked menus and kitchen tips. Taste of Home is published six times a year and has three sister magazines, Simple & Delicious, Cooking for 2, and Healthy Cooking.

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## Customer Reviews

Do not think that the only good part of this book are the cookie recipes... I have been baking and cooking for a long time and I really learned and relearned from many of the hints given in front of this book: cookies 101- hints to bake, storing and shipping cookies, problem solving, food equivalents, and ingredient substitutions. They were wonderful with things like insulated cookies sheets make the cookies pale in colour, and in this day of many different ingredients in butter and margarine that you might need 80% vegetable oil - boy what a help even for experienced cooks. And then there are the cookie recipes, that also have helpful notes sometimes, like do not use reduced fat peanut butter. You are sure to get wonderful cookies especially because most of them have pictures to let you know how they should turn out, always a great help. There are a couple slip ups in not showing a picture for raspberry swirls, but that's a minor gaffe. All your favorites are probably in here including brownies, bars, sandwich cookies, Christmas classics and big batch cookies. If you want a type of cookie this book in all probability includes it. The index is done well, in fact there are 2, one that gives the names of the cookies and the other has ingredients and type, like a spritz cookie or no bake. This would be a wonderful book for anyone who like to bake cookies whether they are an experienced cook or a novice.

This book is massive - every kind of cookie recipe you can imagine and many you couldn't until you see them there on the pages in all their glory! The book is organized well with lots of pictures, although not pictures of every single recipe. There are many cookie recipes that are similar in type, variations on a theme, oatmeal cookies, peanut butter cookies, etc. But there are many, many, many, many unique recipes that more than make up the difference to me! A large majority of the recipes would be perfect for the holidays (or any time of year) and there are many of what I would term "casual" kinds of cookies, perhaps more suited to after school snacks and summertime gatherings. Bottom line, huge selection of recipes, great variety - it's a keeper!!!

This cookie cookbook is fine for those who like shortcuts. Many of the recipes use refrigerated

cookie dough or commercial packaged cookies that you can just decorate. While some of the ideas are cute, they are not for the serious baker who wants to "create" cookies from scratch. One example in particular is the Santa Claus cookies that use an already commercially made peanut cookie that you merely decorate with candies and frosting. The recipes that do offer "from scratch" ingredients are not that interesting nor tasty. This book is great for a pre-school teacher or a kindergarten teacher looking for holiday ideas to make with her young students. And THAT is where I donated this book - to my niece who teaches special-ed children. I received this book as a gift; I am not a fan of the "Taste of Home" cookbooks as I find them very mundane and dull.

Taste of Home has really created a BIG book, full of cookies and bars. This paperback is thick, glossy beautiful and full of photos of almost all the products included. It features all types of cookies: Drop, rolled, cutter, shaped, fudgy, filled, bars etc. The book starts with general advice on baking, storing, shipping and a problem solving section. Next comes an absolutely excellent chart converting volume measures to weight (ounces not metric), very useful for those of us who weigh rather than measure ingredients. Of course it is somewhat of a hustle to keep converting recipes to see if they are to your taste, but at least they do include the aforementioned chart. Most books don't! This is followed by a chart of substitutions, in case you don't have on hand eg baking powder. There are hundreds of products in these pages (the book claims 623). True some recipes are similar but there is more than enough diversity here to keep everyone satisfied. Many recipes depict comments by Taste of Home readers that have made them and this actually incites one to try their hand at them. On the downside is the fact that many recipes use shortening rather than butter. For many years scientists and other experts have been warning against using trans fats, especially shortening, so I do not understand why a major magazine like Taste of Home would still use it in their kitchens. A homely taste HAS to also be a healthy taste. I substitute butter for the shortening in the recipes and they come out much better tasting. It is hard to find favourites among so many hundreds of recipes so I will name only a few. Championship cookies, Giant peanut brittle cookies, Scottish shortbread, Mocha crackle cookies, Toffee oat cookies, Mom's molasses cookies, Chippy peanut butter cookies, Monster cookies, Butterscotch cookies, Oaty cereal treats. At this price this book is a giveaway. Many lesser books cost twice as much.

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