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# Taste Of Home Christmas: 465 Recipes For A Merry Holiday



## Synopsis

Taste of Home Christmas is a holiday cookbook filled with appetizers and beverages, breads, sides, sweets—cookies, candies, cakes, pies and more. Included is classic fare, as well as updated twists on old-time favorites. Let Taste of Home help you plan your holiday parties and menus with this idea-packed cookbook. There are wonderful appetizers and beverages, company-worthy entrees, delectable breads, an array of sides and best of all dazzling, divine sweets—cookies, candies, cakes, pies and more. Included is classic fare, as well as updated twists on old-time favorites.

**CHAPTERS** Intro Festive Appetizers & Beverages Holiday Parties Joyful Brunches Christmas Dinner Menus Merry Entrees Jolly Sides Glorious Breads Yuletide Cookies Heavenly Desserts Candy Sampler Special Gifts of Food Thanksgiving Gathering Indexes Recipes Caramel Cashew Clusters Chocolate Hazelnut Truffles Apple Cider-Glazed Ham Cheese-Topped Roasted Vegetables Colorful Gazpacho Salad Herb-Crusted Prime Rib Old English Trifle Raspberry Lemon Cake Yorkshire Pudding with Bacon and Sage Asiago Chicken Spread Calzone Pinwheels Cherry-Brandy Baked Brie Hot Spiced Wine Shrimp Wrapped in Bacon Warm Pomegranate Punch Cranberry-Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix Orange Pear Jam Cracked Pepper Cheddar Muffins Rustic Pumpkin Bread Almond Pistachio Baklava Caramel Apple Cheesecake Frozen Peppermint Delight Holiday Walnut Torte Au Gratin Potatoes à la Mince Leeks Carrot Cake Doughnuts Overnight Raisin French Toast Golden Roasted Turkey Maple-Oat Dinner Rolls Sausage Raisin Dressing Brown Sugar Cutouts Cherry Kisses Cranberry Shortbread Bars Dark Chocolate Butterscotch Brownies Raspberry Sandwich Spritz

**7 WINTER PARTIES** The seven winter parties will be organized into 7 themes, with menus and holiday entertaining ideas (e.g. A snowflake invitation) for each.

**Festive Open House** During the busy holiday season, it can be challenging to pick a time and date to get-together with all your friends. An open house allows people to stop by during the day when it's convenient for them. Let your open house go for 4 to 6 hours and you're sure to enjoy a casual time. Recipes include Roast Beef and Pear Crostini, Apricot Chicken Wings, Grape Juice Sparkler, and Warm Spiced Nuts.

**Cocktail Party** Bring on the bubbly! A spirited evening of festive cocktails and bite-size appetizers awaits. Set up the bar with cranberry mixers and deck the buffet with shrimp and crostini, it's time to mingle and be jolly with old friends and new. Recipes include Fast Coconut Shrimp, Goat Cheese-Pesto Crostini, Bubbly Cranberry Mixer, and Orange Razzletini.

**After-Caroling Warm-Up** Welcome friends and family inside for a post-caroling meal. This make-ahead feast will be ready to greet you from the cold. Recipes include slow-cooked Round-Up Chili, slow-cooked Tuscan Pork Stew, Rosemary Garlic Focaccia, and Truffle Hot Chocolate

**Holiday Movie Night** Coming to a living room near you, Miracle on 34th Street, A Christmas Story,

and more. Gather the gang, pass the pizza and cuddle up with a batch of chocolaty fudge cups for screenings of your favorite holiday classics. Recipes include: Pizza Rusticana, Tijuana Tidbits, and Coconut-Almond Fudge Cups. Tea Party No matter how cold it is outside, a hot cup of Chai or a tangy cranberry tea makes it easy to enjoy the warmth of the season. Guests will be served platters of tea sandwiches and petite pastries, as well as poppy seed scones and Vienna Triangles to add a traditional touch to a memorable and merry tea party. Recipes include Vanilla Chai Tea, Petite Apricot Pastries, and Turkey, Gouda & Apple Tea Sandwiches. Let It Snow Celebration If the flurry of holiday duties has you flustered, and the snowâ€™s a fallinâ€™, call up some friends for an afternoon of skiing, sledding, snowshoeing and ice skating. Let It Snow Celebration If the flurry of holiday duties has you flustered, and the snowâ€™s a fallinâ€™, call up some friends for an afternoon of skiing, sledding, snowshoeing and ice skating. Afterwards, warm your bellies with some hearty fare. Recipes include Shredded Pork Sandwiches and Snowmen Cookies. Lunch with Friends: Letâ€™s do lunch! Because there's no better time to show your appreciation for your closet chums than during the holiday season. You can offer a delicious soup, salad and sandwich with a sophisticated holiday twist. Recipes include: Roasted Red Pepper Bisque, Spinach Festival Salad, and Grilled Cheese Supreme.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm a big fan of Taste of Home and I wasn't let down with this cookbook. The chapters covered: Festive Appetizers, Holiday Parties, Joyful Brunches, Christmas Dinner Menu, Merry Entrees, Jolly Sides, Glorious Breads, Yuletide Cookies and Bars, Heavenly Desserts, Candy

Sampler, Gifts from the Kitchen and Thanksgiving Gathering. Although it is advertised as a Christmas book, there are a lot of everyday and special recipes you can use all year. Taste of Home books have recipes contributed by REAL cooks, so they tend to be good! Like Gooseberry Patch, they tend to repeat recipes, but with 465 recipes in this book, I didn't find that to be a problem--it just makes it a handy reference for old and new. MANY new recipes and even a few crafts/decorations and tips. I would recommend the Tomato Walnut Pesto Spread, Cookie Dough Truffles, Crispy Peanut Butter Balls, Sweet Potato Casserole, among others. I'm very excited to try the Fast Coconut Shrimp, Almond Pastry Puffs, Garlic Baby Potatoes, Coconut Crunch Cookies and Nutty Marshmallow Puffs (for starters). The photographs in this book are lovely and enticing. It is very important to me that cookbooks have pictures of the recipes, and this one has a picture for almost every recipe. The recipes are well laid out (not cut to other pages making it hard to reference), use accessible ingredients and are easy to follow. I cook and bake every day, but I will pass most cookbooks on after I have culled a few recipes from them. This one I'm keeping!

I collect cook books hoping some day to find the perfect cookbook for my southern upbringing and easy enough for most of us. I knew this one had to be at least good because it is published by Taste of Home. They are all pretty good, or better. This one is the Christmas and Holiday cookbook. I don't see anything in it that I couldn't come up with to take to a pot luck holiday gathering. One good idea is looking at the book and if in a hurry...do it semi-homemade. The holidays are coming up and the book has a special feature of holiday crafts to make your table beautiful and inviting. Beautiful things made from clear containers with Epson Salts for snow and a sprig of evergreen. How hard is that? Nothing more personal than simple place cards with guests' names spruced up with a little something. This book would also be good for the newly wed who hasn't yet gotten their dish repertoire together. I am writing a lot about this book because it is a great one and good ones are hard to find.

The Taste of Home Christmas: 465 Recipes For a Merry Holiday! cookbook is filled with plenty of beautiful photos and delicious sounding recipes. You will find friendly and sometimes funny introductions accompanying the recipes. There is an interactive table of contents making navigation easy. Some of the recipes you will find in this cookbook include: Smoked Salmon Appetizer  
Crepes  
Bacon Cheese Spread  
Orange-Cranberry Coffee Cakes  
Apple Pie Jam  
Filet Mignon with Red Wine Sauce  
Vanilla Chai Tea  
Raspberry Chocolate Cheesecake  
Angel Food  
Candy  
Recommend. Penmouse

I have never been disappointed with any Taste of Home cookbook I've bought, and this one is no exception. Its soft-cover and about 3/4 size of the ToH hardcover cookbooks they put out every year. I noticed a few overlaps between this book and the dozen or so ToH cookbooks I already own, but its ever so nice to have holiday recipes all in one book. This cookbook includes recipes for breads, appetizers, brunch and dinner, side dishes, cookies/bars, desserts and candies, plus recipes for things you can give as gifts (including those jars with cookie ingredients in them) and even a section on Thanksgiving recipes, despite this being a Christmas cookbook. It has full color wonderful pictures with just about every recipe, plus it has the added bonus of instructions/ideas for decorating your table for parties, etc. The recipes range from pretty darn simple to a bit fussier. Something for every homecook no matter their experience level. This book definitely got me in the holiday mood and already thinking of my next party, since I want to try out so many of the recipes. Heck, I might even try and make one of the fruitcake recipes in here...that's how much I trust ToH to come up with good recipes! Once again, ToH has produced a beautiful cookbook. A definite keeper and one I will likely be ordering more of to give as gifts in future.

My mother is an awesome cook and loves cookbooks. I gave her this one for a little thanksgiving gift and she loves it. Taste of Home cookbooks are really nice. Easy recipes with beautiful illustrations.

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