

Home Cooking with The Uncommon Gourmet

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TABLE OF RECIPES

SECRETS

Getting the Most Out of
Home Cooking

Basics

The Pantry Defined

ENHANCEMENTS

Basic Vinaigrette

Garlic Bread

Peanut Sauce

Pesto

Raspberry Vinegar

TASTY TIDBITS

DIPS AND SPREADS

Honey-Mustard Dip

Black Bean Dip

White Bean Purée

Green Olive Tapenade

Baked Brie Olivada

Hummus Bi Tahini

Baba Ghanoush

Red Pepper Hummus

Guacamole

Tsaziki

WAFERS AND CROSTINI

Blue Cheese-Cheddar
Wafers

Parmesan Bites

Rosemary-Walnut Biscotti

Olive Biscotti

Seeded Pita Wedges

Baked Tortilla Chips

Dilled Onion Crostini

White Bean Crostini

Mozzarella Crostini

Olive Puffs

Bruschetta with Dried Fruit
Mascarpone

Tomato Bruschetta

Bruschetta with Black
Olive Pesto

Bruschetta with Chèvre
and Smoked Salmon

Pizzetta with Onion and
Feta

IT'S A WRAP

Artichoke Pillows

Spinach and Chèvre

Turnovers

Quesadillas

Apple-Brie Strudel

Broccoli, Ham, and Cheese
Turnover

SAVORY MORSELS

Sangría

Curried Nuts

Chili-Spiced Mixed Nuts

Prosciutto-Wrapped Figs

Prunes Purcell

Deviled Eggs Remoulade

Curried Chutney-Stuffed
Eggs

Herb-Marinated Buffalo
Mozzarella

Chicken Livers Yakitori

Asparagus Bundles

Stuffed Artichoke Bottoms

Corn Cakes with Sour
Cream and Caviar

Egg Foo Yung

Roquefort-Stuffed
Mushrooms

Stuffed Portobellos

Roasted Portobellos with
Tomato Relish

Scallion Pancakes

Potato and Goat Cheese
Frittata

Mushroom Frittata

LITTLE SEAFOOD BITES

Deviled Crab Cakes

Herring with Mustard
Sauce

Grilled Mussels Green
Goddess

Salmon Gefilte Fish

Sardine Puffs

Scallops Seviche

Grilled Shrimp with Pesto
Mayonnaise

Shrimp Poppers

Coconut Shrimp with
Mango-Lime Coulis

Tuna Tartare

Tuna Mousse

SENSATIONAL SMOOTHIES

Banana-Rum Raisin
Smoothie

Blueberry Smoothie

Mixed Berry Smoothie

Strawberry-Banana
Smoothie

Strawberry Daiquiri
Smoothie

Wimbledon Smoothie

Piña Colada Smoothie

Honeydew-Lime Smoothie

Mango-Lime Smoothie
Orange Creamsicle
Smoothie
Peach Melba Smoothie
Peanut Butter-Banana
Smoothie
Mocha Latte Smoothie
Kahlua and Cream
Smoothie

BREAKFAST MUFFINS AND SCONES

Boston Brown Bread
Irish Soda Bread
Cornbread
Applesauce Bread
Maple-Fig Bread
Baked French Toast
Oatmeal Muffins
Strawberry Muffins
Apricot Cheesecake
Muffins
Chocolate Chip-Peanut
Butter Muffins
Carrot Cake Muffins
Linzer Torte Muffins
Pistachio-White Chocolate
Muffins
Gingerbread Muffins
S'More Muffins
Double Chocolate Muffins
Streusel-Topped Muffins
Muffin Mix-Ins
Buttermilk-Scallion Scones
Cheese Scones
Coconut-Currant Scones
Blueberry Scones
Cinnamon-Pecan Scones
Cranberry-Nut Scones
Chocolate Chip-Orange
Scones
Ginger Scones
Lemon-Poppy Seed Scones

SATISFYING SOUPS

SIMMERING SOUPS

Carrot and Parsnip Soup
Corn Chowder
Cream of Celery Soup
Potato-Leek-Fennel Soup
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Curried Sweet Potato Soup
Cabbage Soup Gratinée
Sweet and Sour Cabbage
Soup
Chinese Hot and Sour
Soup
Old-Fashioned Cream of
Tomato Soup
Italian Tomato and Bread
Soup
Potato-Cheese Soup
Black Bean Chili
Chickpea Soup
Cannellini and Spinach
Soup
Hearty Lentil Soup
Portuguese Kale Soup
Salmon Chowder
Thai Hot and Sour Shrimp
Soup
Mussel Chowder
Shrimp and Crab Gumbo

CHILLED SOUPS

Borscht
Cold Cucumber Soup
Iced Avocado Soup
Gazpacho Latino
Minted Pea Soup

PASTA PASSION

Ziti Bake
Penne with Mushroom
Ragout
Pasta and Artichoke Hearts
Macaroni and Cheese
Penne with Roasted
Asparagus and

Prosciutto
Farfalle with Tuna and
White Beans
Pasta Rosa
Pasta with Roasted Peppers
and Potatoes
Pasta Marco
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Pasta with Arugula Pesto
Ziti with Sausages and
Artichokes
Linguine with Mussels
Pasta Toscano
Pasta with Cauliflower
Crumbs
Pasta with Deviled Crab
Lemon-Poppy Seed
Noodles
Pasta, Mussels, and
Tomatoes
Penne with Fennel, Onion,
and Artichokes
Pasta Positano
Pasta with Yellow Pepper
Relish
Pasta with Escarole and
Asiago
Pasta and Eggplant
Provençal
Linguine with Walnut
Crumbs
Penne with Tomatoes and
White Beans
Linguine Piccata
Pasta with Roasted Winter
Vegetables
Pasta with Spinach and
Chèvre
Pasta Sette Mezzo
Pasta with Oven-Braised
Fennel
Pasta Y Fagioli
Pasta and Shrimp
Nagshead
Linguine with Garlic
Crumbs
Pasta Rogere

Penne with Roasted
Tomatoes and Herbed
Goat Cheese
Pasta, Peas, and Bacon
Farfalle with Tomatoes,
Corn, and Blue Cheese
Orzo Primavera
Middle Eastern Farfalle
Penne with Potatoes and
Green Beans Genovese
Pasta and Grilled Chicken
Puttanesca
Orecchiette Niçoise
Ricotta Gnocchi
Toppings for Gnocchi

THE SALAD BOWL

GREEN SALADS

Asparagus and Cherry
Tomatoes
BLT Salad with Blue
Cheese Dressing
Carlos Salad
Southwestern Caesar with
Grilled Romaine
Mesclun Salad with
Toasted Goat Cheese
Green Beans and Tomatoes
with Green Olive
Vinaigrette
Baby Spinach and Shiitake
Mushrooms
Harvest Beet Salad
Salad Romano
Salad Cornucopia
5-Star Chopped Salad
Salad Mezzaluna
Mixed Greens with Pears
and Brie
Boston Lettuce, Mushroom,
and Fennel Salad
Spinach, Bacon, and Fig
Salad
Warm Cabbage, Apple, and
Goat Cheese Salad

Salad Marly
Gado Gado
Green Garden Salad
Salad Christine
Greens with Walnut
Vinaigrette
Salad Campagna
The 47 House Salad
Mesclun Salad with Sherry
Vinaigrette
Romaine with Tomato
Relish
Spinach, Brie, and Sun-
Dried Tomatoes
Summer Bean Salad
Goi Salad
Caramelized Corn, Tomato,
and Basil Salad
Three Bean Salad
Mango Salad
Green Beans and Jicama
Moroccan Salad
Shredded Romaine with
Apricots and Cumin
Dressing
Chopped Vegetable Salad
Watermelon, Cucumber,
and Jicama Salad
Greek Salad Athena
Cucumber Salad
Onion Slaw
Green Bean and Potato
Salad
Coleslaw
All-American Potato Salad
Vegetables Niçoise

GRAIN AND LEGUME SALAD

Tabbouleh
Fruited Bulgur Salad
Fez's Cracked Wheat Salad
Corn and Barley Salad
Fruited Rice Salad
Chickpea Salad
Couscous and Chickpea
Salad

Black Bean-Corn Salad
Corn Salsa Salad
Mexican-Style Salad
Lentil Salad
Arugula, Tomatoes, and
White Beans
Tuna and White Beans

HEARTY SALADS

Apricot Chicken Salad
Romaine, Chicken, and
Tomatoes with Avocado
Ranch Dressing
Lobster Caesar Salad
Potato and Mussel Salad
Salmon, Tomatoes, and
Black Beans
Grapefruit, Avocado, and
Shrimp Salad
Curried Tuna Salad
Chopped Tuna Salad

MEMORABLE MAINSTAYS

SUMPTUOUS MEATS

Meatloaf
London Broil
Pot Roast
Stuffed Flank Steak
Carne Asada
Grilled Sesame Beef
Malaysian Beef and
Pineapple
Glazed Corned Beef
Turkish Lamb Burgers
Curry-Mustard Rack of
Lamb
Grilled Herbed Leg of
Lamb
Stuffed Leg of Lamb
Lamb with Scallions
Osso Buco
Balsamic-Glazed Veal
Chops
Veal Chops Tapenade
Five Spice-Rubbed Ribs

Pork Tenderloin Cubano
Spicy Pork and Green
Beans
Sausage, Peppers, and
Potatoes
Currant-Glazed Ham

BEST OF BIRD

Chicken Pot Pie
Roasted Chicken with
Winter Vegetables
Chicken Bianco
Chicken with Mushroom
Ragout
Chicken with Cilantro
Cream
Chicken with Arugula
Relish
Chicken Marcella
Parmesan-Crusted Chicken
Chicken Miranda
Honey-Glazed Chicken
and Red Onions
Chicken with Marsala
Cream
Oven-Fried Chicken
Orange-Glazed Chicken
Tenders
Chicken Chimichurri
Chicken Paolo
Chicken Francesca
Chicken Carla
Chicken Parmigiana
Chicken Isabella
Grilled Chicken with Salsa
Verde
Chicken Sofrito
Basque-Style Chicken
Sweet Chili-Glazed
Chicken
Chicken Paprikash
Maple-Glazed Chicken
Chicken Country Captain
Chicken Tikka
Mango Chicken
Herb-Roasted Chicken on
Pasta Nest

Roasted Cornish Hens
Pan-Roasted Duck Breast

SEAFOOD DELIGHTS

Baked Bluefish with Olive
Crumbs
Blue on Blue
Roasted Cod Charmoula
Roasted Cod with Mango
Salsa
Soft-Shell Crab Remoulade
Tabbouleh-Crusted
Haddock
Grilled Halibut with Red
Pepper Mayonnaise
Glazed Orange Roughy
Deviled Salmon Cakes
Salmon with Pesto Crumbs
Sweet Soy-Glazed Salmon
Five Spice-Roasted Salmon
Scallops with Bacon
Crumbs
Grilled Scallops with
Smoky Corn Salsa
Scallops with Sun-Dried
Tomato Pesto
Lobster Rolls
Nubble Light Seafood Bake
Shrimp, Bacon, and
Tomatoes
Grilled Shrimp with
Tomato-Cucumber Salsa
Shrimp Curry
Risotto with Shrimp, Goat
Cheese, and Sun-Dried
Tomatoes
Shrimp and Asparagus
Sole with Hazelnut Butter
Striped Bass Provençal
Orange-Mustard Swordfish
Cumin-Crusted Swordfish
Hoisin-Glazed Swordfish
Grilled Tuna with
Mediterranean
Tomato Relish
Seared Tuna with
Horseradish Cream

Grilled Tuna with Wasabi
Mayonnaise

VIBRANT VEGGIES

Asparagus and Raspberries
Maple-Glazed Red
Cabbage
Roasted Carrots
Roasted Cauliflower
Green Beans with Toasted
Hazelnuts
Roasted Green Beans
Mushroom and Cheese
Strata
Roasted Mushrooms
Baked-Stuffed Onions
Sweet Pickled Vidalias
Maple-Parsnip Puree
Mashed Potatoes and
Celeriac
Horseradish Mashed
Yukon Golds
Smashed Potatoes
Garlic Mashed Potato
Cakes
Honeyed Butternut Squash
Mashed Apples and Sweet
Potatoes
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Smoky Mashed Sweet
Potatoes
Mashed Root Vegetables
Half-Sour Pickled Tomatoes
Vegetable Pancakes
Parmesan-Crusted
Zucchini

STYLISH GRAINS

Corn Pudding
Roasted Corn
Corn Soufflé
Cornbread Stuffing
Baked Polenta
Topping Ideas for Polenta
Couscous and Peas
Couscous Genovese

Israeli Couscous
Israeli Couscous with
Cranberries
and Almonds
Israeli Couscous Add-Ins
Baked Risotto
Basmati Rice Pilaf
Saffron Rice
Soubise Parmesan
Spinach, Feta, and Rice
Bake
Carolina Rice
Madras Rice
Fried Rice
Rice with Green Chilies
Rice with Black Beans and
Salsa Fresca
Wild Rice Pilaf

GRAND FINALES

FRUITS AND PUDDINGS

Oranges Balsamic
Glazed Peaches
Fruits with Raspberry
Sauce
Baked Bananas Praline
Stuffed Strawberries
Mixed Berry Pavlova
Pear Crisp
Peach Kuchen
Strawberry-Rhubarb
Cobbler
Mixed Berry Galette
Ginger Ice Cream
Grape Nuts Custard
Arborio Rice Pudding
Indian Pudding
Flan
Pumpkin Bread Pudding
Blueberry Cheesecake
Bread Pudding

COOKIES AND PASTRIES

Apricot Shortbreads
Pecan Butterballs

Ginger Crisps
Lemon Icebox Cookies
Butterscotch Foggies
Toffee Crisps
Lemon Coolers
Peanut Butter-White
Chocolate Chippers
Coconut Macaroons
Congo Bars
Orange Tea Cakes
Seven Layer Bars
Spiced-Walnut Biscotti
Lemon-Poppy Seed Biscotti
Date Wontons
Coconut-Almond Truffles
Cannoli
Dessert Cups
Peanut Butter Fudge

CAKES AND PIES

Almond Cream Cake
Buttermilk Poundcake
Caramel Apple Cake
Streusel Coffeecake
Lemon Ricotta Cake
Raisin Poundcake
Blueberry-Cornmeal Cake
Coffee Gingersnap Icebox
Cake
Strawberry Shortcake
Max's Vanilla Cupcakes
Layered Sponge Cake
Butterscotch Pudding Cake
Caramel Pineapple Upside-
Down Cake
Rum Cake
Spice Poundcake
Kahlua and Cream Cake
All Butter-Sour Cream
Crumb Cake
Pumpkin Cheesecake
Lemon Meringue Pie
Coffee Mascarpone-
Raspberry Tart
Raspberry Torte

CHOCOLATE FANTASIES

Chocolate-Hazelnut
Biscotti
Chocolate Rugelach
White Chocolate-
Macadamia-
Chocolate Cookies
Double Fudge Brownies
Peanut Butter Swirl
Brownies
Chocolate Fig Clusters
Macadamia Nut Fudge
Spiced Chocolate Chip
Cake
Chocolate Pudding Cake
Chocolate Swirl Poundcake
German Sweet Chocolate
Pie
Chocolate Cream Cake