

# **41 Cooking Tips**

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- 1. Never sear meat in a non-stick pan: It won't brown nicely you may end up with splotchy, grey meat.
- 2. Never heat non-stick pans past the manufacturer's instructions (or past medium heat, if you no longer have the instructions).
- 3. When cooking crock pot meat, sear first. Use meat with the highest fat marbling to prevent greyness.
- 4. Make your own incredible butter. Whip 35% cream until it is firm. Squeeze out whey. Add orange zest & a splash of juice.



- 5. Keep cheesecloth in your kitchen. It's handy for straining liquid from yogurt, tofu and straining whey from home-made butter!
- 6. Rub your steak or roast with fresh cut garlic before cooking. Stick slivers of fresh garlic deep into your meat for incredible flavor.
- 7. Be prepared! Always keep your pan lid handy for dowsing fat fires they do happen! (Put lid onto pot to smother flames.)
- 8. Keep a kitchen fire extinguisher handy in your kitchen and learn what to do for different types of fires.
- 9. Use vegetable oil instead of butter in cakes containing dense, starchy fruits and veggies like carrots, apples and banana.
- 10. Next time you make gingerbread cake, try replacing your liquid (but not fat) with

ginger beer!

- 11. Do as much of the prep as you can the night before for stress-free cooking. (What do you set out in advance?)
- 12. To add oil to a dish already cooking, add it in the edge of the pan. That way, it will be heated when it reaches your food.
- 13. Make sure fruits and veggies are stored in a refrigerator no warmer than 40 F.
- 14. Wash your fruit and veggies before peeling not after. (Too much risk of contaminating the knife, if you wash after.)
- 15. Soak veggies like broccoli and cauliflower in cold water for at least three minutes to make sure contaminants are released.



- 16. Add a splash of milk to salted water when cooking to keep cauliflower white. Rinse momentarily in cold water before serving.
- 17. Dry your potatoes before mashing by returning them to the pan after draining. Cover. Let them sit on turned-off burner for 5 min.
- 18. When storing fresh herbs, stand the stems in a glass of water in your refrigerator. They shouldn't go limp and will stay fresh.
- 19. For a quick and easy meal, cover uncooked ribs in roast pan with BBQ sauce and 1 liter Coke. Cover and simmer at 325F for 2 hours.
- 20. Save leftover sauce in ice cube trays. When frozen, add to bag of same type of sauce cubes. Reheat and use for quick dishes.
- 21. Crack egg into bowl. Use clean plastic water or pop bottle. Place bottle mouth against egg yolk and squeeze to separate from white.

- 22. Never over mix muffins and quickbreads. Fold dough with large spoon until flour is barely mixed and dough is lumpy.
- 23. Sprinkle your cutting board with salt before chopping fresh herbs. It will keep them on the cutting board.
- 24. Store sharp knives in a knife block or stick wine corks on their tips before placing in drawers.
- 25. If you need to finely chop bacon, put it in the freezer for 20 min. This will make it easy to chop without being stringy.
- 26. To test if your oil is hot enough for frying, use a thermometer or stick the end of a wooden spoon in the oil. (Bubbles=ready!)
- 27. Always let meat "rest" for at least 10 minutes when you take it out of crockpot, pan or oven. It will cut much more easily.
- 28. Get to know parchment paper. Great for lining baking pans or preventing pastry from sticking to your roller.
- 29. When rising dough containing yeast, cover loosely with plastic wrap instead of the traditional tea towel.
- 30. Run out of baking powder? Combine 3/4 of a teaspoon of baking soda with 1 tablespoon of vinegar.
- 31. Never slice cake more than 15 minutes before serving. It will not taste fresh and



may dry out.

- 32. Never open the oven door while cooking soufflé. And when you take your soufflé out of the oven, never bang the oven door.
- 33. For perfect Baked Alaska, make sure your cake is not warm and your ice-cream is the hard-brick type not the creamy type.

- 34. Learn "base" recipes and then experiment by adding different seasonings or ingredients basic sauces, muffins, cakes and bread.
- 35. Don't just bring your butter to room temperature when preparing to bake: Do it to the eggs you're planning to use also.
- 36. Cool your cakes on a wire rack, upside down. (Place rack on cake; then flip over, holding both sides of pan and rack firmly.)
- 37. Make ordinary cake, cookies or pancakes special by using heart-shaped Valentine's Day pans.
- 38. Make a Valentine's Day trifle in a heart-shaped bowl (large or individual-sized) for extra visual impact.
- 39. When camping, fully prepare soups, stews and other one-dish items ahead of time. Just reheat while you're in the woods.

40.Camp foods that dirty very few dishes: Hot dogs and smokies cooked on a stick, baked potatoes cooked on coals, meats cooked in a roasting cage and s'mores.

41. There is no right or wrong cheese for a pizza. Go with what you like and what you have on hand.

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