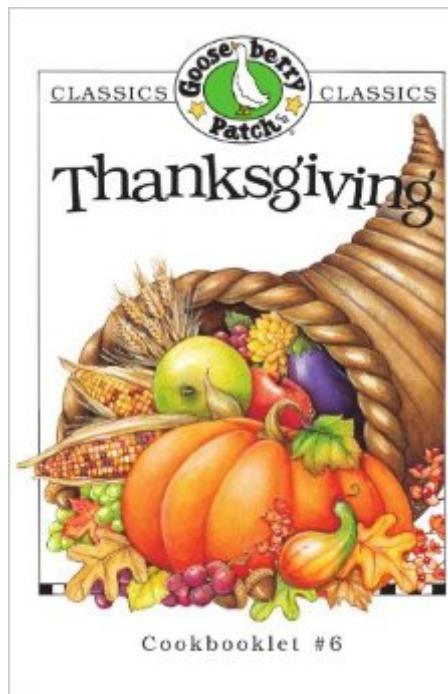


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Customer Reviews

Gooseberry Patch is one of my favorite companies. A while back, they often produced little cookbooks on a variety of topics. This is one of them. If you are expecting a large book, be forewarned, there are only 24 selected recipes in this book. The Kindle version, however is nicely formatted with good hyperlinks to each recipe, and cute clip art added to make the pages look less barren. While I didn't find a lot that I was eager to cook in this booklet, I do think the Pumpkin Coffeecake sounds really good and I have bookmarked it, and it is certainly worth a gaze if you are looking for inspiration for thanksgiving.

From Thanksgiving morning breakfast to ideas for leftovers, this little book packs in a lot of delicious-looking recipes. I'm a fan of Thanksgiving side dishes so I'm attracted to the herbed rice pilaf and the creamy corn casserole. I love the idea of homemade cranberry sauce and this book contains two recipes for the sauce. I'm really in the mood for Thanksgiving now.

Looking through this cookbook, I realized that I can't think of anything that I have at Thanksgiving dinner that isn't somewhere in this book. In fact, with turkey and ham recipes, I think any holiday meal could be prepared from this selection. From cider& tea, to breakfast sweets, to baked casserole sides, clear through pie & what to do with leftovers, this book has some of everything.

These recipes do include some level of pre-packaged convenience, things like pound cake mix, frozen shredded hash browns, canned pumpkin). The ingredients are pretty straightforward - lots of milk, butter, flour & eggs. Leeks, and orange/lemon zest are about the most untypical ingredients I could find. If I had to find something to improve, it would be an occasional lack of detail in the instructions. Cinnamon rolls, for example: "Let dough rise in a lightly oiled bowl until double in bulk." How long does that take? Should I make the dough the night before? Does it go in the fridge, or on the counter, do I cover it, or leave it uncovered? I imagine that anyone who has ever made something with yeast in it might know the answer to those questions, but as a non-cook, I'd love to have a little more detail. Also included are several quick n easy tips, that remind me a little of Martha Stewart. "Hollowed-out artichokes make beautiful votives!" "Create a cornucopia of fruits, nuts, colorful leaves and dried herbs in a big wooden bowl... a quick & easy Autumn centerpiece." All in all, it looks like a pretty good cookbook for a novice cook. A great starting point for preparing any holiday dinner. Recipes: Pumpkin Coffeecake, Cinnamon Rolls, Spiced Apple Tea, Orange Apple Cider, Glazed Sliced Pecans, Pumpkin Dip (cream cheese dip for apples), Cheesy Cauliflower, Baked Cream Corn, Yam & Apple Bake, Vanilla-Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roast Turkey & Gravy, Apple Cider Turkey, Herbed Rice Pilaf, Make-Ahead Dinner Rolls, Triple Cranberry Sauce, Cranberry Relish, Homestyle Stuffing, Green Bean Supreme, Heavenly Potatoes, Cheddar Biscuits with Garlic Butter, Country Glazed Ham, Creamy Butternut Soup, Pumpkin Farmer's Casserole, Banana & Walnut Bread, Perfectly Pecan Pie, Maple Indian Pudding, Harvest Apple Cheesecake, Sweet Pumpkin Bread, Caramel Brownies, Old Fashioned Spicy Pumpkin Pie, Cinnamon Hot Chocolate, Chocolate-Chip Oatmeal Cookies, Day-After Turkey Muffin Cups, Ham 'n Turkey Casserole, Turkey Rice Casserole, Turkey Pot Pie, Hearty Turkey Soup

This is a very fast read but for such a small book it has a very large file size. There is some nice recipes in this little book and some interesting alternative ingredients in some of my old favorites which may or may not be accepted by my family at Thanksgiving, but I'm going to give it a brave try.

Everything looks so delicious in this cookbook I couldn't wait until Thanksgiving to try out the recipes. I just happened to have some bananas that were very ripe so I made the banana bread with walnuts. The only thing I did differently was I used butter in place of the shortening and margarine. Who uses margarine anymore? I thought that was bad for you. But anyway it turned out fine with the substitution. I also left out the blueberries because that sounded strange. Some of the other recipes that looked great included: Pumpkin Coffeecake, Spice Apple Tea, Pecan Pie, Cheddar Biscuits, Turkey

Pot Pie (which serves 16) Some of the recipes have interesting combinations that I would not have thought of like yams and apples or vanilla flavored sweet potatoes or cranberries with orange marmalade. Now the only thing I'd probably change about this cookbook is the table of contents. I'd put it at the beginning of the book. Although the book is quite short so this really isn't a big issue. Since the banana bread was so good I feel these are recipes you can trust. Baking times may however vary a bit. I ended up cooking the bread for an extra 15 minutes. Fortunately I was on the phone talking to a friend while this baked so time flew by. It is so warm and cozy to go to bed with your whole home scented with cinnamon. Oh and if you want to cook with your Kindle in the kitchen just put it inside of a ziplock plastic bag. ~The Rebecca Review

I didn't find this as creative as most Gooseberry Patch cookbooks, which are typically packed with creative recipes and tips, but there are a few interesting twists on standard recipes in this one (and worth downloading for those). Here are a some examples: Vanilla Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Harvest Apple Cheesecake, Day After Turkey Muffin Cups (interesting way to use leftovers), Apple Cider Turkey! Enjoy!

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