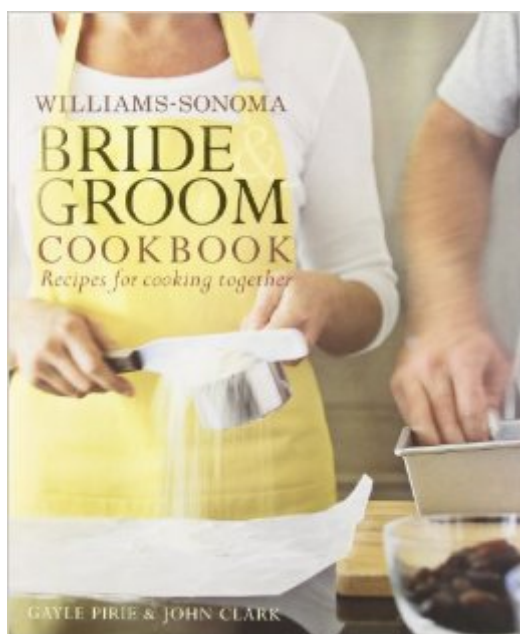


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# Williams-Sonoma Bride & Groom Cookbook



## Synopsis

Williams-Sonoma presents its first bride & groom cookbook: a beautiful guide to everything newlyweds need to know about cooking for two, from stocking a kitchen to quick weeknight dinners to preparing a first holiday feast. Whether it was a whirlwind romance or you've known each other for years, you are entering a new stage of life. Now that you're married, it's time to think about the new life and traditions you'd like to create. Often our fondest family memories are centered around the dinner table, with the fulfilling meals and companionship it offers. To create this cookbook, Gayle Pirie and John Clark have drawn from their experience as restaurant chefs and on their shared history as a married couple. They have cooked in some of San Francisco's best restaurants for nearly twenty years, so they know how to make food taste delicious. But they also know what it's like to come home from a long day of work and want to create a comfortable haven for their family. In these pages, Gayle and John have brought together dozens of their own favorite dishes that can create hundreds of family meals. Knowing that most of their readers won't have learned the art of cooking at their grandmother's knee, they've also included the basics. The Bride & Groom Cookbook explains all you need to know about setting up a kitchen and pantry with essential equipment and ingredients, combining dishes to create a meal, and even cooking methods. If you're already comfortable in the kitchen, you'll find plenty of valuable advice on pairing wine and food, serving a cheese course, and gracious entertaining. The two of you could take only one cookbook with you as you embark together into this new and rewarding stage of life, the Bride & Groom Cookbook would truly be the one.

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## Customer Reviews

I have gone through the Betty Crocker Bride & Groom Cookbook, the Better Homes and Garden Bride & Groom Cookbook and many more trying to find one that would have great pointers for cooking for two as well as great dishes. This cookbook has it all. The recipes are great classic dishes and the recipes range from breakfast foods to desserts. I highly recommend this cookbook.

My husband and I both love to cook and cook a lot: we treat our Global Knife set like it was a firstborn child, our library is comprised of cookbooks ranging from Disney Princess cookbooks to Paul Prudhomme's excellent collection, and we take better care of our cast iron skillet than we do our pets....I'll be honest, we were disappointed with this cookbook. We received it as a wedding gift, because we thought it'd be a great contribution to our growing collection. The pictures are beautiful- they're appetizing, they're inspiring, they've got absolutely everything you could ever need (in a picture). The wine pairings are really useful (if you don't know much about wine pairings). The vegetable recipes and some of the red meat and fish recipes were good, though I found some of the spices and flavorings to be a little weak (that's just my tastebuds though). A lot of the recipes, however, are lacking: not only are some of the dessert and breakfast recipes under-measured, but in a couple of memorable recipes, very important steps have been left out- in one case the recipe forgot to include when to add the wine while tending to meat. Additionally, the recipes call for some pretty interesting ingredients: fresh clams are hard to get (unless you're on a coast), organic chervil gets pretty expensive, and I have yet to find veal shanks at my neighborhood grocery store. It's a great coffee table cookbook, but in terms of a couple's first cookbook? It could be more accessible.

If you're seeking a shower or wedding gift for a couple who likes to cook or eat, BRIDE & GROOM COOKBOOK: RECIPES FOR COOKING TOGETHER is the item of choice for such a couple. The authors use their own experience as restaurant chefs and as a married couple to show how working families can use dozens of favorite dishes to create hundreds of family meals. Even though the authors are cooks, they don't presume any prior knowledge: the basics accompany over a hundred classic dishes for meals from breakfast to dinner and plenty of supportive tips from preparation and cooking times to a complexity scale between 1-4. Diane C. Donovan, Editor California Bookwatch

Great cookbook got this for my wife and we decided to try one new recipe each week and to cook

together as a little way to spend more time together. So far everything's turned out great and have employed my culinary skills tremendously.

This makes an excellent bridal shower gift. I have purchased no less than a dozen of this book and everyone raves about it. The recipes are delicious and easy to make. The commentary and pictures are great and I haven't heard one complaint about the book. We use ours as a coffee table book and everyone who sits down on our couch picks it up and starts reading.

I ordered two copies of this book for different wedding occasions. The first was as a wedding gift. It was loved when received. The second occasion was for a his and her shower. As the bride and groom cookbook published by Williams-Sonoma, the recipes are all fantastic and are great for various occasions from casual dinner to a romantic evening, to meals to celebrate special occasions. As well as all types of meals, the recipes are also of varied cooking levels for beginner to expert, which allows new couples to begin cooking and develop their cooking skills as their relationships grow. HUGE RECOMMENDATION for any wedding occasion!

It's a great book, not necessarily to cook together. I love the idea of how they put together the first part, what you need in your kitchen, wine pairing etc. I bought it as a 1st year anniversary but couldn't wait to use it before that. At the end it was more a gift for me, he wasn't too excited about it.

First off, this book looks great. I have a collection of hand-me-down 'classics' (Beard, Joy, all that jazz) but none of them are very presentable. After getting married recently, we decided to get a new book and this one really stood out. I personally think the title (cooking together) is a little misleading, because there's not much really that would differentiate it from any other starter cookbook in that regard. It is more family oriented in meal choices, and gives some great pointers to get you moving around the kitchen. There is also excellent advice on meals, pairings etc. Overall it's a very good resource, especially for a younger couple. And of course, thanks to the slipcover, it makes a great wedding or anniversary present!

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