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Cookie Molds Around The Year: An Almanac Of Molds, Cookies, And Other Treats For Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Other Holidays, And Every Season



Synopsis

SPECIAL NOTE! Anne L. Watson will personally answer any question of yours after reading this book. Ask on her web site, and you'll normally hear back within hours! In this companion to "Baking with Cookie Molds Around the Year" Anne L. Watson presents cookies and molds for many holidays and all seasons, as well as for special interests and occasions • weddings, kids, storytelling around the fireplace, and much more. With nearly 150 photos of molds, cookies, and processes, "Cookie Molds Around the Year" features new techniques and new recipes, along with a month-by-month diary of the seasons on San Juan Island, Watson's home. Anne L. Watson is the author of "Baking with Cookie Molds" as well as a number of other popular books on home crafts and lifestyle, plus many novels. In a previous career, she was a historic preservation architecture consultant. Anne lives in Friday Harbor, Washington.

////////// SAMPLE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS It's cold now, here on San Juan Island. Snow is a possibility every morning, and frost is a certainty. The trees are bare, but we bundle up in layer upon layer of coats and sweaters. And the days are so short. The sun comes up, far in the south, long after breakfast, and it sets long before dinner. This is the time of year when many cultures have celebrations to drive away the dark • Christmas, with all its lights and its star; Hanukkah, the festival of lights; Kwanzaa; Santa Lucia; midwinter festivals in several cultures; and many others throughout history. Many homeowners on the island put up Christmas lights, of course, doubly welcome outside the town limits, where there are no streetlights. There are decorations, too. I have a tiny model village I put on the mantel for Christmas, and it usually stays for most of the winter. The merchants of Friday Harbor help drive away the dark with a competition to decorate their shop fronts. On December 5, we celebrate St. Nicholas Eve with molded cookies in the shape of the saint with his horse or donkey • some cookie molds show one, some the other. The story of St. Nicholas is not well-known, but he was a real person who performed great acts of generosity and kindness. It was St. Nicholas cookies that originally sparked my own interest in molded cookies. My husband, Aaron Shepard, is a children's author, and his children's storybook "The Baker's Dozen" is about a baker who learns a lesson of generosity from St. Nicholas himself. Near the end of December is the winter solstice, that turning point that tells us that the sun is coming back, even as we see only cold and darkness. The month ends, of course, with its cornucopia of Christmas cookies! These include almost every secular and religious motif you could think of, from jolly snowmen to medieval manger scenes. Baking cookies for family and friends is a special holiday joy, and in the spirit of St.

Nicholas, let's bake some to give away as well. For this month, I feature both traditional and new recipes to bake and share.

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Customer Reviews

What an excellent book! Everything you every want to know about cookie molds is covered. At least I didn't find a topic that was left out. Love this book.

It's amazing what can be done with cookie molds when you have the right recipes and lots of helpful hints. This book has both, and the results are fun and delicious.

A year round excuse for cookie molds with recipes.

What could be more fun than baking beautiful cookies? Love the book and I was so inspired, I had to purchase a cookie mold right away.

This is a very nice mold. Heart shaped cookie mold.

Step by step instructions and fun stories make this a fun book.

Quite useful ... although, in this instance, I would prefer a print edition. I don't like to have my expensive electronics so close to my messy cooking locations, and if I put the electronics in a safe place, then checking the instructions requires stepping away from the cooking. Also, this book is full of actually useful information, and recipes, and references, which would be more useful to me in a print edition. That said, I shall put a number of the recipes to work with my grandmother's Springerle molds and rollers, despite the extra trouble of their being in electronic format. I also enjoyed the chapter intros where the author talks about the progression of the year around her home. It reminds me a bit of the Mrs. Appleyard cookbooks from Vermont by Louise Andrews Kent.

I have always felt a lot of attractions for cookies because maybe in my corner of the world they're not so common as they're in the USA. I mean: no one bakes them here in my little rural corner of Italy. We are specialized in sweet cakes of various genres, tarts, apple cakes, but not cookies. But cookies are precious. No sure if you feel the same but maybe because they are little, some of them with butter, they remind me of good moments. They have special positive vibes. Thanks to my American friends I started to bake some good American cookie recipes and I don't lose any occasion for reading and appreciate cook books where cookies are the main protagonists, maybe the best manifestation of our childhood memories. So it won't be a surprise dear reader for you if I tell you I found: *Cookie Molds Around the Year - An Almanac of Molds, Cookies, and Other Treats for Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Other Holidays, and Every Season* by Anne L. Watson to me is a true jewel! You can find the book online now at a good price. It is first of all not the classic cookie recipe book that you buy. There are many sparkles of magic. It's a treasure to discover and to keep close to you. Not just when you will bake and an inspiration for your memories as well. Why? Well, first of all there are not just recipes, but the main protagonists of this book will be the humanity of the author, the fairy-tales she will share with us dedicated to the kids of all ages :-)) during the long winter-days while we eat with her some delicious cookies. Because of her personal stories shared with us, her readers. These cookies Anne writes of are molds cookies! Of course it's not said that you will re-produce the same cookie with the same mold but the book is plenty and plenty of great inspiring recipes and suggestions and I can tell you that you will find the mold you will love for obtaining the best cookies with the recipe you have

chosen for that special occasion. It can be Christmas, Saint Valentine, but also Saint Patrick's Day, passing through Easter, Spring, Summer with the pic nics that the good season brings with it, Fall with the magical atmosphere of Thanksgiving Day and the idea of being more cuddled because days are shortest and again another Christmas all together with a cup of warm hot cocoa or milk and some cookies to eat with it. You will find the best cookies recipe for your children but also for you and your friends and your family. At the end of the eBook you will discover a lot of websites where you can learn more about cookie molds world! Because remember: a plain world doesn't have the same taste of a molding cookie sweet world plenty of fantasy and art! I thank NetGalley for this book!

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