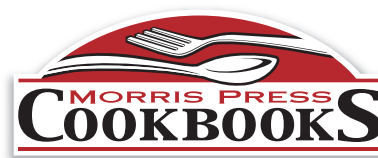


# RECIPE WRITING TIPS



Use these tips to ensure recipes are accurate, clear, and uniform throughout your cookbook.

- List ingredients in the order used. Make sure all ingredients are included in the directions.
- Include all amounts and container sizes: 2 (8-oz.) cans, 1 (14-oz.) pkg. Use parenthesis to separate amounts.
- Abbreviate measurements in the ingredients list (see standard abbreviations below), but spell them out in the directions.
- Be consistent with names, ingredients, etc., e.g., don't use "1 c. butter" on some recipes and "2 sticks butter" on others.
- Use ingredient names in the directions, e.g., use "Combine flour and sugar" rather than statements such as "Combine the first two ingredients."
- Include temperatures and all cooking, chilling, baking, or freezing times.
- Make sure ingredients and directions are clear, thorough, and accurate. For example, don't assume the reader knows how to make yeast bread.
- Submit recipes exactly as you want them to appear.
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- Ingredients may include trademarked names, e.g., Miracle Whip. Do NOT use trademarked words for *recipe titles*. If used, they will be replaced with an acceptable alternative, e.g., Kentucky Derby® Pie will become Chocolate Nut Pie.
- Anything other than the ingredients, directions, contributor name(s), serving size, and recipe title will be charged as a recipe note unless you omit them. See below.**

## STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS:

c. – cup	env. – envelope	qt. – quart
pt. – pint	pkg. – package	lg. – large
tsp. – teaspoon	oz. – ounce	med. – medium
T. – tablespoon	gal. – gallon	sm. – small
lb. – pound	opt. – optional	ctn. – carton or container
doz. – dozen	reg. – regular	

## recipe notes 11

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### CHOCOLATE CHIP MIRACLES

Sarah Jackson

2¼ c. all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 c. butter, softened 4

¾ c. packed brown sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 eggs  
12 oz. chocolate chips

- 6 Preheat oven to 375° (gas oven to 350°). Mix all of the dry ingredients together, then mix the wet ingredients together. After both substances are mixed, slowly mix the dry ingredients in with the wet until the texture is smooth. Put cookies on sheet and leave each batch in oven for 8 to 10 minutes for soft texture.

- 11 **Note:** These cookies are a favorite with my children and vanish within two days.

### SNICKERDOODLES

Heather Gemske  
Dorothy Engstrom

1 1 stick butter, softened 4  
3 ½ c. shortening  
1½ c. sugar  
2 eggs  
2¾ c. all-purpose flour

2 tsp. cream of tartar  
1 tsp. baking soda  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 T. sugar  
2 tsp. cinnamon

- 3 Heat oven to 400°. Mix thoroughly butter, shortening, 1½ cups sugar and the eggs. Blend in flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Mix 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon; roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Makes about 6 dozen cookies. If using self-rising flour, omit cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.

### MAGIC COOKIE BARS

Steve Casley  
Jeff Marcino

½ c. butter, softened  
1½ c. graham cracker crumbs  
1 (14-oz.) can Eagle Brand 10  
sweetened condensed milk

1 c. chocolate chips  
1 (3½-oz.) can flaked coconut  
1 c. chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Using a 13 x 9-inch pan, melt butter in oven. Sprinkle crumbs over butter, pour milk over crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Cool before eating.

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