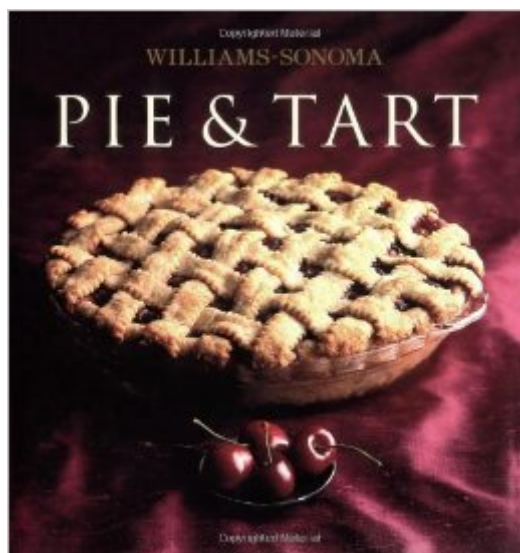


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# Williams-Sonoma Collection: Pie & Tart



## Synopsis

With the best ingredients and a little practice, baking is just as easy as pie—and there's no better way to enjoy juicy, ripe fruit or a silky chocolate or lemon custard than with a delicious, flaky crust. And, when made from scratch, a pie or tart is a simple way to make any meal special. Williams-Sonoma Collection Pie & Tart offers more than 40 recipes that will inspire you to bake pies and tarts at any time throughout the year. Whether you want to serve an elegant pear tart at an autumn dinner party, need to satisfy a craving for a piece of old-fashioned banana cream pie, or are simply looking for a recipe that uses up an abundance of plums from your backyard tree, you will find plenty of irresistible ideas inside. In addition, a chapter devoted entirely to rustic tarts offers new ways to serve up some of your favorite seasonal fruits as simple and beautiful desserts. Beautiful, full-color photographs of each pie and tart make it easy to decide which one to prepare, and photographic side notes throughout explain key ingredients and techniques, making Pie & Tart much more than just a fine collection of recipes. A detailed basics section and glossary also help you to discover the pie- and tart-baking secrets that will assist you in making these well-loved desserts for many years to come. Old-fashioned apple pie, fresh fruit tart with pastry cream, billowy lemon meringue pie, or silky chocolate pie—These are just a few of the pies and tarts that hold places of honor among our all-time favorite desserts. Williams-Sonoma Collection Pie & Tart offers more than 40 easy-to-follow recipes that will inspire you to bake familiar classics as well as fresh new ideas. From exquisite crême brûlée tartlets to a luscious summer peach pie to an irresistibly sweet pineapple galette, you will find a pie or tart recipe inside perfectly suited for any occasion. This beautifully photographed, full-color recipe collection is certain to become an essential addition to your kitchen bookshelf.

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## Customer Reviews

Hi, I'm the editor of this book, and was sorry to see that Flame had had mixed experiences. I checked with the author, and her diagnosis is that the tart dough may not have been thoroughly chilled according to the recipe directions. If tart dough is not properly chilled before baking, the butter can melt and leak as described. We were careful to put instructions in every recipe to refrigerate or freeze the tart shell until firm. I myself have used Carolyn Weil's tart dough recipe for several years and have always had great success with it. If you have had trouble with a particular recipe, please feel free to contact us through Williams-Sonoma customer service and let us know; we are eager to make sure these recipes work well for everyone who tries them.

I found this book to be informative in baking techniques and the recipes are wonderful. I prepared the tart dough, for the lemon cream pie, and found it delicious and had no trouble with the baking. Truly lovely pies, well written instructions, and beautiful results without highly complicated instructions.

This book has more than 40 recipes and a very informative "Basics" section. There are beautiful color photos of each recipe. As with all WS books, the instructions are easy to follow. There are sidebars, where necessary, to provide additional information. The pies range from simple to elegant -- a recipe for every occasion. I'm partial to the coconut custard.

The Pie and Tart book from Williams-Sonoma is a real find for anyone who enjoys baking and a great dessert. I was told that if you find one recipe in a cook book you are doing well. The first four I tried in this book were great and I haven't gotten to all the ones that look good. In addition this collection doesn't suffer from the problem sometimes found in other Williams-Sonoma recipe books; namely the use of ingredients that are difficult or impossible to find. This good solid baking and great eats.

I bought the book for my wife, she loves to bake..... Lucky me!! She has made two pies already and they were both delicious. This book has nice details and is one of my wife's favorite cook book.

This is by far the very best dessert cookbook I have ever had. I prefer to have fruit desserts instead of cake and frosting and this is absolutely perfect. The finished products are incredible and taste like they came from an expensive bakery. Very easy instructions and pictures to help you along.

I can not espouse my love for this book enough. The photographs are LOVELY (as is the norm for the The Williams-Sonoma Collection of cookbooks.) My favorite part of this book is the stand mixer pie crust recipe in the back. It has become my go-to recipe & has never failed me. I am in the process of building my collection of these books, but this one will always hold a special place in my heart.

You will know exactly how your cooking project is supposed to look if you are making something from this cookbook. (Mine never look quite as good as the pictures). The recipes are easy to read and follow and the instructions are clear and concise. This book would make a nice gift as it is beautiful as well as useful.

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