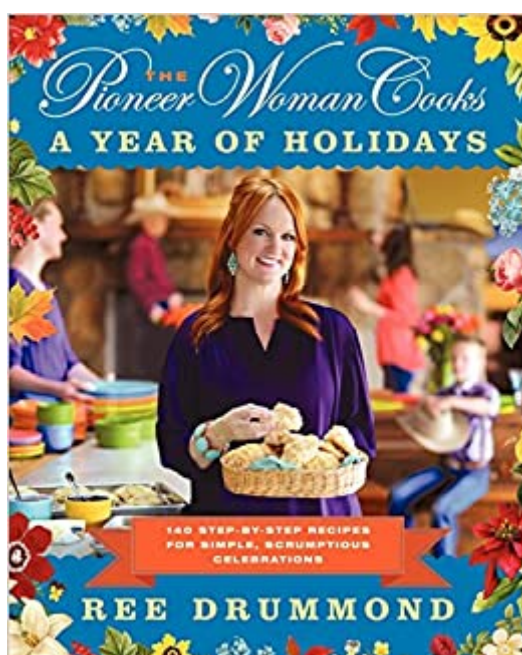


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# The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year Of Holidays: 140 Step-by-Step Recipes For Simple, Scrumptious Celebrations



## Synopsis

#1 New York Times **Bestseller** Ree Drummond — an accidental country girl, award-winning blogger, Food Network personality, and #1 New York Times bestselling author — presents *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays*, a fantastic collection of recipes, photos, and homespun humor to help you celebrate all through the year. Ree shows you how to ring in your favorite holidays with inspired menus for breakfasts, brunches, lunches, dinners, parties, deliveries, and feasts, accompanied by fun instructions and hundreds of her signature step-by-step photos. Filled with creative and flavorful ideas for intimate dinners, group gatherings, and family meals, *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays* includes dozens of mouthwatering dishes (with nineteen recipes for Thanksgiving alone!), helping home cooks create a variety of delights. Whip up a Resolution Smoothie on New Year's Day; Whiskey BBQ Sliders and Dr Pepper Cupcakes for The Big Game; Glazed Ham for Easter; Watermelon Sangria for a sizzling Fourth of July cookout; and perfect Popcorn Balls on Halloween. For Christmas, Ree includes special homemade treats, including Caramel Apple Rolls, Christmas Rum Cake, and a selection of smile-inducing cookies, perfect for Christmas deliveries to family and friends. Enjoy holidays all year round...Pioneer Woman style!

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There's nothing more delicious than a holiday. Oh, is it ever true. Whether it's the anticipation of Christmastime or the ghoulish glee of Halloween, if I see a holiday on the horizon, I simply can't contain my excitement. There's just something about the traditions, the family togetherness, the resurfacing of childhood memories . . . the making of new ones. Holidays are wonderful, special, and fun . . . and they always make me happy. And one more thing: They make me want to cook!

The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays is an all-out celebration of the scrumptious, mouthwatering recipes that define our favorite occasions throughout the year. From luck-inducing Hoppin' John on New Year's Day, to a perfectly savory/sweet Glazed Easter Ham, to luscious Caramel Apples on Halloween, to a crowd-pleasing Thanksgiving feast with all the fixins, these pages are positively brimming with recipes guaranteed to make your holidays deliciously memorable . . . and memorably delicious!

Twelve different holidays are covered in delectable detail: From New Year's Day to New Year's Eve . . . and all my favorites in between. Host a party for the Big Game for your football-loving friends, make Mom a lovely Mother's Day breakfast-in-bed, invite your sweetie to a Valentine's Day romantic dinner for two . . . or ring in the New Year with a fabulous cocktail party. There's food, glorious food in this cookbook, and you won't run out of yummy things to make. I hope you enjoy and devour every page!

This cookbook focuses on dinnertime meals. Well organized and filled with recipes for a wide variety of tastes, this book is good for cooks at any level. This book is simply beautiful. Filled with colorful and informative photos (there is a picture for every recipe), this book not only is great to look at but also gives good information for those of us who are competent but not particularly instinctive when it comes to cooking. I especially like the step by step photos so that I can get an idea of what the dish should look at while I am cooking it instead of just hoping it turns out like the finished product. This book is organized by type of meal. With categories such as comfort food, soup for dinner, salad for dinner, breakfast for dinner, the book gives the reader a sense of the different possibilities for meals. There is also several sections on different types of side dishes and even desserts so readers can mix and match main dishes with the sides and desserts they like to make a complete meal. I was especially pleased with the section on freezer meals. While basic and certainly not an attempt to be a treatise on the subject, this section gives readers the opportunity to prepare staples to keep frozen and then provides several different ways that those frozen staples can be used to make different meals. For example, the book provides a recipe for meatballs that can be frozen and then gives recipes for their use in sweet and sour meatballs, Swedish meatballs, etc. This section and the

section on quick preparation meals are especially good for busy people who don't have hours to spend in the kitchen to prepare a dinner. This book also has a great variety of recipes. There are recipes that are basic (especially good for picky eaters), meat and potatoes type recipes and then also recipes for more adventurous eaters. I appreciated the variety of recipes because nothing annoys me more than cooking books that are only for gourmet eaters. Although titled Dinnertime, this book has such a great variety of recipes that they can be used all day long.

Fantastic! If you love Ree's show, you'll love the book! This one is comfort food with a twist. I love *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl* for straight comfort food. And *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays: 140 Step-by-Step Recipes for Simple, Scrumptious Celebrations* is awesome, but be careful with the portion sizes. Her gameday dinner fed my family of four for 3 days. :D

Ree's books have photos of both the finished dish and photos of the process making the dish, which makes her books terrific to empower teenagers to get going independently, and feel really proud bringing those yummy dishes to smiling people at the table. Totally recommend! Pictured below: 1) Huevos Rancheros *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl* p6, with Enchilada Sauce *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl* p8, and Pico De Gallo *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl* p23. Delicious breakfast! Everyone loved it! The enchilada sauce makes 3 cups, but this recipe only uses 1 to serve 4 people, so you have 2 cups left for another recipe. She lists suggestions of other recipes to try it in right on that page. 2-3) Individual Chicken Pot Pies *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl* p138. Yum! It was hard not to lick the plates! These are in her freezer chapter. She has you make them in those cute little disposable tins if you're going to freeze them. We were eating ours right away, so I made them in our au gratin dishes, which made them look like little footballs. I think this has potential as a Super Bowl dinner. Maybe cut the vents to look like the lacing on the football. :) 4) Beef with Snow Peas *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl* p163. Awesome and ridiculously easy! She gives some variations. One is to add a red bell pepper, and my husband had just brought one in from the garden, so that went in, too. 5) Chicken Taco Salad - p53. Great salad! We all loved this! I am embarrassed to say that I was wondering what sort of bowls Ree had that these 4 servings could fit in. It was supposed to be 8 servings! Um. The 4 of us finished it. 6) Mexican Tortilla Casserole - p130. Delicious! It's a make ahead and just needs 40 minutes in the oven when you're ready.--And this uses up those 2 leftover cups of enchilada sauce. 7) Hawaiian Burgers - p152 and Sweet Potato Fries - p308. That is a \*fantastic\* burger!!! So much flavor! Everyone loved it! I can't wait to try the rest of the book!

It's irritating when someone submits a negative review because a cookbook sets forth recipes that are on the author's blog. For those of us cooks who do NOT follow blogs (and there are many, MANY of us), this is disingenuous. Think about it: We watch these cooks prepare these meals on their programs and those recipes are also available online, as well as on their blogs. The purpose of the cookbook is tactile: Some of us just like holding a book of lovely recipes in our hands, flipping the pages and attaching sticky notes all over it.. Well, I've flipped the pages of this book and I give it five stars. It's probably her best book, and I have all the others. Anyway, I am off to prepare her Beef Stroganoff With Buttered Noodles. Scrumptious! Thanks, Ree, for another winner of a cookbook.

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