

COOKIE SWAP

CREATIVE TREATS TO SHARE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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AS A SPECIALIZED FORM OF POTLUCK, a cookie swap has all the same traits that make a potluck so effortless to host. Guests share in the baking and cost burden by bringing their favorite recipes. *Cookie Swap* takes the popular idea of the cookie exchange party to new heights and new directions. The cookie swap is perfectly suited not only to holiday gatherings but also to garden parties, showers, children's birthdays, summer get-togethers, and more.

With dozens of decorating and invitation ideas, 58 delectable recipes, mouthwatering photos, and tips on hosting the best swap possible, this book is sure to get readers' creative juices flowing in bringing together friends through the generosity of food and spirit.

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As seen in Martha Stewart Living! Tips and recipes for throwing a cookie potluck every season



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