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TURKEY HOW-TO







Prepare the brine

Brine the turkey

Truss the turkey







Roast the turkey

Glaze the turkey

Check for doneness

TURKEY CARVING



Remove the legs





Remove the breasts Carve and serve

PREPARE THE BRINE

A brine imparts great flavor and helps keep the turkey extra-juicy during roasting. To save time, prepare the brine mixture (but do not add the turkey) up to 4 days in advance. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

If you plan to brine your turkey, buy a fresh one; avoid birds that have been injected with a salt solution.

To order our fresh free-range or organic Willie Bird turkeys, go to williams-sonoma.com/williebird.

BRINE THE TURKEY

Remove the giblets and rinse the turkey. Brine the turkey in a brining bag set inside a large pot or other container; refrigerate for 12 to 36 hours. Remove the turkey from the brine, rinse and pat dry.

Alternatively, use a dry brine or season the turkey with a wet or dry rub. Or smear a flavored butter under the skin and on the outside of the bird before roasting.

TRUSS THE TURKEY

To ensure uniform cooking, truss (or tie) the turkey with kitchen twine into a compact shape.

ROAST THE TURKEY

Let the turkey stand at room temperature for 1 hour (but no longer) before roasting. Place the turkey on a rack in a roasting pan. This allows heat to circulate under and around the bird, promoting uniform cooking. To prevent overbrowning, drape the turkey with buttered cheesecloth before putting the bird in the oven. Alternatively, if the skin browns too quickly, tent the turkey with foil.

GLAZE THE TURKEY

Brush the turkey with glaze during the last 30 minutes of roasting. If you aren't glazing the bird, use a bulb baster to baste the turkey with pan drippings, stock or melted butter about every 30 minutes during roasting. This promotes moist, juicy meat and crisp, goldenbrown skin.

Monitor the turkey's internal temperature with an instant-read thermometer or a probe thermometer (which stays in the meat while it roasts). Insert the thermometer into the thickest parts of the breast and thigh, away from the bone. The breast should register 165°F (74°C) and the thigh, 175°F (80°C).

If using an instant-read thermometer, begin testing for doneness 30 minutes to 1 hour before the total roasting time is reached; also check to see if the turkey is browning too fast. Another test for doneness: Pierce the thigh joint with a knife; clear juices indicate that the bird is properly cooked.

When the turkey is done, transfer it to a carving board, tent with foil and let it rest for about 30 minutes. This allows time for the juices to be absorbed back into the meat, making it more moist and easier to carve.

REMOVE THE LEGS

Place the turkey, breast side up, and cut through the skin between each leg and the body. Gently pull the leg outward to locate the joint, then cut through the joint to remove the leg. Remove the wings in the same manner.

REMOVE THE BREASTS

Insert the fork along the side of the breast to steady the bird. Just above the thigh and wing joints, make a deep horizontal cut through the skin toward the bone. Make a thin cut along the breastbone, then using the tip of the knife, carefully carve downward along the bones and ribs of each side of the rib cage to remove each breast half.

CARVE AND SERVE

To carve the drumsticks and thighs, cut between the joint to separate the drumstick and thigh. Secure the drumstick with the fork and slice the meat lengthwise along the bone, turning after each slice. Place the thigh, flat side down, and slice the meat parallel to the bone. Place the breast meat on the carving surface and cut crosswise into thin, uniform slices.

TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

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WHAT SIZE PAN TO USE

Roast your turkey on a rack in an open pan. If you use a foil roasting pan, double it for extra strength.

| TURKEY | MINIMUM PAN SIZE |
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| up to 12 lb. | 14" x 10" x 2¾" |
| (6kg) | $(35 \times 25 \times 7cm)$ high (small) |
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up to 16 lb. 15¾" x 12" x 3" (8kg) (39 x 30 x 7.5cm) high (medium)

up to 20 lb. 16" x 13" x 3" (10kg) (40 x 33 x 7.5cm) high

(large)

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ROASTING THE TURKEY

Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in a roasting pan and roast at 400°F (200°C) for 30 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 325°F (165°C) and roast until done. Allow 13 to 15 minutes per pound.

| TURKEY | TOTAL ROASTIN |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 10 to 12 lb. (5 to 6kg) | 2 to 3 hours |
| 12 to 14 lb. (6 to 7kg) | 2¼ to 3¼ hours |
| 14 to 16 lb. (7 to 8kg) | 2½ to 3½ hours |
| 16 to 18 lb. (8 to 9kg) | 2% to 3% hours |
| 18 to 20 lb. (9 to 10kg) | 3 to 4 hours |
| Over 20 lb. (10kg) | 3½ hours plus |







GREEN BEAN BUNDLES WITH BACON AND BROWN SUGAR

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES SERVES: 8 TO 10

8 thick bacon slices

6 Tbs. (3/4 stick/90g) unsalted butter, melted

11/2 tsp. kosher salt

¾ tsp. roasted garlic powder*

1/4 cup (60g) firmly packed light brown sugar

Preheat an oven to 350°F (180°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment.

In a large nonstick fry pan over medium heat, cook the bacon in batches until the slices are just beginning to brown along the edges but are still very underdone and pliable, 4 to 6 minutes. Transfer to a paper towellined plate and let cool, then cut each slice in half crosswise.

In a small bowl, whisk together the butter, salt and garlic powder.

Divide the green beans into 16 equal portions, about 6 beans each. Gather each portion into a neat bunch and wrap a half slice of bacon around the center to hold the beans together. Place the bundles on the prepared baking sheet with the loose ends of the bacon underneath. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the bundles and drizzle with the butter mixture.

Roast until the bacon is cooked through and browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Let stand for 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer the green bean bundles to a warmed platter and serve immediately.

* Available at Williams-Sonoma stores.

EQUIPMENT: large pot, colander, large fry pan, tongs, baking sheet, whisk

MASHED POTATOES WITH HERB-INFUSED CREAM AND CHIVES

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 25 MINUTES SERVES: 8 TO 10

4 % lb. (2.25kg) russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch (5cm) pieces Kosher salt, to taste

1½ cups (375ml) heavy cream

1 tsp. minced garlic

1 shallot, thinly sliced

1 large fresh thyme sprig

1 large fresh rosemary sprig

1 bay leaf

1 tsp. peppercorns

8 Tbs. (1 stick/125g) unsalted butter, diced, at room temperature

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (10g) chopped fresh chives

Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Put the potatoes in a large pot, add water to cover by 3 inches (7.5cm) and generously salt the water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer until the potatoes are tender when pierced, about 15 minutes. Drain well in a colander.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine the cream, garlic, shallot, thyme sprig, rosemary sprig, bay leaf and peppercorns. Set over medium-high heat and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer until the cream is reduced to about 1 cup (250ml), 10 to 12 minutes. Strain the cream through a fine-mesh sieve and keep warm.

Working in batches, pass the potatoes through a ricer into a large bowl. Add the butter, then gradually pour in the cream, stirring constantly until the potatoes are smooth and creamy. Stir in the chives and adjust the seasonings with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

EQUIPMENT: large pot, small saucepan, garlic press, vegetable peeler, colander, fine-mesh sieve, potato ricer, large mixing bowl

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 0 MINUTES SERVES: 8 TO 10

3/4 cup (90g) dried cranberries

1½ cups (375ml) boiling water

3 Tbs. fresh orange juice

11/2 Tbs. cider vinegar

1½ tsp. Dijon mustard

Put the dried cranberries in a small bowl and pour the boiling water over them. Let steep for 10 minutes, then drain.

In another small bowl, whisk together the orange juice, vinegar and mustard. Slowly whisk in the oil. Fold in the cranberries and parsley, and season with salt and pepper.

Put the arugula in a large serving bowl. Scatter the pecans and goat cheese over the top. Drizzle with the cranberry vinaigrette and serve immediately.

EQUIPMENT: whisk, small sieve, citrus reamer, herb mincer, salad spinner, prep bowls



PREP TIME: 45 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 1½ HOURS SERVES: 8 TO 10

Unsalted butter for baking dish

1 Tbs. olive oil

½ cup (90g) finely chopped shallots

1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme

2 cups (500ml) heavy cream

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

2 tsp. kosher salt

¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper

1½ lb. (750g) russet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/16 inch (2mm) thick

 $1\!\!\!\!/_2$ lb. (750g) celery root, peeled and sliced $1\!\!\!/_{16}$ inch (2mm) thick

4 oz. (125g) Gruyère cheese, shredded

1 oz. (30g) Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated

2 tsp. chopped fresh chives or flat-leaf parsley (optional)

Preheat an oven to 375°F (190°C). Butter a 13-by-9-inch (33-by-23cm) baking dish.

In a saucepan over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add the shallots and thyme and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Add the cream, mustard, salt and pepper and whisk until just blended. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly.

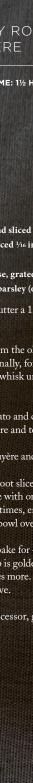
In a large bowl, toss together the potato and celery root slices. Pour the cream mixture over the potato mixture and toss to coat evenly.

In a small bowl, stir together the Gruyère and Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Arrange a layer of potato and celery root slices, slightly overlapping, in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with one-third of the cheese mixture. Repeat the layering 2 more times, ending with the cheese. Pour any remaining cream from the bowl over the gratin.

Cover the dish loosely with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking until the top is golden and the vegetables are tender when pierced, 30 to 45 minutes more. Let stand for 10 minutes, then sprinkle with the chives and serve.

EQUIPMENT: mandoline or food processor, grater, vegetable peeler,







EVERYTHING PARKER HOUSE ROLLS

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES | INACTIVE PREP TIME: 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES COOK TIME: 25 MINUTES | MAKES: 24 ROLLS

11/2 cups (375ml) milk

8 Tbs. (1 stick/125g) unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces,

plus 2 Tbs. melted butter 4½ tsp. active dry yeast

4 cups (625g) all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling dough

3 Tbs. sugar

1 Tbs. kosher salt

1½ tsp. Maldon sea salt

½ tsp. dried onion flakes

½ tsp. dried garlic flakes

1 tsp. white sesame seeds

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the milk and the 8 Tbs. (125g) butter. Heat until the butter is melted, about 7 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool to 105° to 115°F (40° to 46°C). Add the yeast and stir until dissolved. Let stand for 10 minutes.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the dough hook, combine the 4 cups (625g) flour, the sugar and kosher salt and beat on low speed until combined, about 30 seconds. Add the milk mixture and knead until the dough forms a ball, about 1 minute. Increase the speed to medium-low and knead until the dough is smooth and elastic, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove the dough from the mixer bowl, oil the inside of

the bowl and return the dough to the bowl. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and let the dough rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 1 hour. Divide the dough in half.

Grease a 13-by-9-inch (33-by-23cm) baking pan. On a lightly floured work surface, roll each piece of dough into a log 12 inches (30cm) long. Using a pastry scraper, divide each log into 12 equal pieces. Using the cupped palm of your hand, roll and shape each piece into a taut ball.

Arrange the dough balls in the prepared baking pan so there are 4 rows of 6. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes. In a small bowl, combine the Maldon sea salt, onion flakes, garlic flakes and sesame seeds.

Preheat an oven to 375°F (190°C).

Remove the plastic wrap from the pan. Brush the tops of the rolls with the 2 Tbs. melted butter and sprinkle with the sea salt mixture. Bake until the rolls are golden and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of a roll registers 190°F (88°C), 18 to 20 minutes. Invert the rolls onto a wire rack, then turn them right side up onto another rack. Let cool slightly before serving.

EQUIPMENT: small saucepan, electric stand mixer, instant-read thermometer, 13-by-9-inch (33-by-23cm) baking pan, pastry scraper, pastry brush





CRANBERRY COMPOTE WITH RIESLING AND PEARS

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES | COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES MAKES: ABOUT 2½ CUPS

Tbs. unsalted butter

2 d'Anjou pears, peeled, cored and diced

1 lb. (500g) cranberries, fresh or defrosted frozen

2 cups (500ml) Riesling

½ cup (105g) firmly packed light brown sugar, plus more, to taste

Pinch of cayenne pepper

4 thin strips of lemon peel

1 cinnamon stick, 2 star anise pods and 8 cloves, tied in a piece of cheesecloth

In a 4-quart (4-1) saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the pears and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are starting to brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Add the cranberries, wine, the ½ cup (105g) brown sugar, cayenne, lemon peel and spice packet and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the compote has thickened and the cranberries have begun to burst, 15 to 20 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat. Remove and discard the spice packet. Taste the compote and add more brown sugar if desired. Serve warm, cold or at room temperature.

EQUIPMENT: saucepan, cheesecloth, apple peeler-corer



APPLE-GINGER-CRANBERRY PIE WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES | INACTIVE PREP TIME: 1½ HOURS COOK TIME: 1 HOUR | SERVES: 8

2 rolled-out rounds of pie dough, each about 12 inches (30cm) in diameter and ½ inch (3mm) thick, chilled

4 lb. (2kg) Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

1½ cups (185g) cranberries

¼ cup (45g) chopped crystallized ginger*

34 cup (185g) sugar, plus more for sprinkling

¼ tsp. sal

3 Tbs. all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling dough

1 Tbs. fresh lemon juice

1 egg plus 1 tsp. water, lightly beaten

Vanilla ice cream for serving

Remove 1 dough round from the refrigerator. Transfer to a 9-inch (23cm) deep-dish pie dish and gently press into the dish. Trim the edges flush with the rim. Reroll the dough scraps and cut out shapes using decorative piecrust cutters. Refrigerate the pie shell and cutouts for 30 minutes.

Position a rack in the lower third of an oven and preheat to 400°F (200°C).

In a large bowl, toss together the apples, cranberries, crystallized ginger, the ³/₄ cup (185g) sugar, the salt, the 3 Tbs. flour and the lemon juice.

Let the pie shell, cutouts and the remaining dough round stand at room temperature for 5 minutes. Pour the apple filling into the pie shell and place the dough round over the filling. Trim the edges flush with the rim and press the top and bottom crusts together. Brush the underside of the cutouts with egg wash and arrange them on the pie. Brush the entire top crust with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake until the crust is golden and the filling is bubbling, about 1 hour, covering the edges with foil if they begin to brown too quickly. Transfer the pie to a wire rack and let cool for 1 hour before serving.

To serve, cut the pie into slices and top with vanilla ice cream.

* Available at Williams-Sonoma stores.

EQUIPMENT: apple peeler-corer, rolling pin, silpat mat, deep-dish pie dish, mixing bowl, autumn decorative piecrust cutters, pastry brush, wire cooling rack, ice cream scoop

PECAN PUMPKIN BUTTER PIE WITH CINNAMON-CARAMEL SAUCE

PREP TIME: 35 MINUTES | INACTIVE PREP TIME: 4 HOURS COOK TIME: 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES | SERVES: 8

2 rolled-out rounds of pie dough, each about 12 inches (30cm) in diameter and % inch (4.5mm) thick, chilled

4 egg

2 cups (480g) (about 11/3 jars) Muirhead pecan pumpkin butter*

2 cups (500ml) evaporated milk

1 egg plus 1 tsp. water, lightly beaten

FOR THE CINNAMON-CARAMEL SAUCE

34 cup (185g) sugar

2 Tbs. water

34 cup (180ml) heavy cream

½ tsp. vanilla extract

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Remove 1 dough round from the refrigerator. Transfer to a 9-inch (23cm) deep-dish pie dish and gently press into the dish. Trim the edges, leaving a ½-inch (12mm) overhang. Fold under the excess dough and, using your thumb, decoratively flute the edges. Using a fork, gently poke holes in several places on the bottom of the crust. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for 15 minutes.

Remove the other dough round from the refrigerator and cut out shapes using decorative piecrust cutters. Refrigerate the cutouts until ready to use.

Position a rack in the lower third of an oven. Place a cookie sheet on the rack. Preheat the oven to $400^{\circ}F$ ($200^{\circ}C$).

Line the piecrust with parchment and fill with pie weights. Place the pie dish on the cookie sheet in the oven and bake for 15 minutes. Carefully remove the parchment and weights and continue baking until the crust is light golden brown, 5 to 10 minutes more. Transfer the pan to a wire rack and let cool for 15 minutes before filling the pie shell.

Reduce the oven temperature to 325°F (165°C).

In a large bowl, gently whisk the eggs. Add the pecan pumpkin butter and evaporated milk and whisk until well combined. Pour the filling into the pie shell. Brush the underside of the cutouts with egg wash and arrange them on the pie.

Bake until the center of the pie is set, 1½ to 1½ hours, covering the edges with foil if they begin to brown too quickly. Transfer the pie to a wire rack and let cool for at least 4 hours before serving.

To make the cinnamon-caramel sauce, in a heavy saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the sugar and water. Cook until the mixture turns amber, 5 to 6 minutes, stirring with a wooden spoon during the first 1 to 2 minutes of cooking, but do not stir after this point; instead, tip the pan occasionally to ensure even cooking. Do not allow the sugar to burn.

Remove the pan from the heat. In a measuring cup with a pouring spout, whisk together the cream, vanilla and cinnamon. Carefully pour the cream mixture, a little at a time, into the hot syrup; the mixture will bubble, so use pot holders. Stir until the sauce is smooth and blended. Keep warm until ready to serve.

To serve, cut the pie into slices and drizzle with the caramel sauce.

* Available at Williams-Sonoma stores.

EQUIPMENT: food processor, rolling pin, silpat mat, deep-dish pie dish, autumn decorative piecrust cutters, piecrust edge protector, pie weights, wire cooling rack, saucepan, whisk, pastry brush

EASY AS PIE

Let us do the work! For scrumptious and super-simple fruit pies, pour our Brandied Honey Pear or Southern Spiced Apple Pie Filling into an unbaked store-bought or homemade crust. Then bake and enjoy.

Available at Williams-Sonoma stores.

TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

STEP 1 Roll out the dough and line the pie dish. If you like, cut out decorative shapes from another dough round using our piecrust cutters.



STEP 2 Prepare the pie filling using our pecan pumpkin butter.



STEP 3 Pour the filling into the prebaked piecrust, apply the dough cutouts to the top of the pie, if desired, and bake.





SHOP THE TIME-SAVERS



PECAN PUMPKIN BUTTER
Combine with eggs and evaporated
milk to make a delicious pie filling



CORN BREAD STUFFING A Southern-style blend of stoneground cornmeal and aromatic herbs



AUTUMN FRUIT & SPICE

guesswork out of brining

Perfectly seasoned blend takes the

TURKEY BRINE

BUTTERMILK DRY BRINE
Rub onto turkey, chicken and pork to
lock in moisture and flavor



CRANBERRY RELISH
Tangy-sweet condiment made from a Chuck Williams recipe



FOCACCIA STUFFING
A traditional blend of artisan
focaccia and Mediterranean herbs



TURKEY GRAVY BASE

Create a great gravy in no time-

just add milk and turkey drippings

BRINING BAGS
Set of four leak-proof bags with double-zipper seals



ACORN TWINE HOLDER
Neatly contains ball of non-browning linen twine (included)



FILLED PASTRY PRESS
Make multiple sweet or savory turnovers at the same time



AUTUMN DECORATIVE PIECRUST CUTTERS Create unique decorative crusts without overhandling your dough



CHEF'N SILICONE BASTING BRUSH Patented bristles transfer large amounts of liquids



ALL-CLAD STAINLESS-STEEL TURKEY LIFTERS
Turn and lift food with ease or use as carving forks



DUAL PROBE THERMOMETERSimultaneously monitor the progress of two dishes or two parts of a turkey



GRAVY SEPARATOR
Heatproof tool quickly separates
juice from fat and filters solids



MICROPLANE ELITE GRATER Indispensable tool grates and shreds everything from cheese to nutmeg



OXO ADJUSTABLE
POTATO RICER
Simply turn the dial to switch from fine to medium to coarse settings



CHEF'N HERB WAND
Insert herbs into the wand and use as a basting brush for added flavor



ALL-CLAD STAINLESS-STEEL FLARED ROASTER Low flared sides promote uniform browning and even cooking



ALL-CLAD FOOD MILL
Purees and strains potatoes, cooked
fruit and homemade soups





SETTING THE SCENE

Create the mood by mixing traditional silver dinnerware with rustic accessories and accents from the outdoors. A palette of autumnal shades makes the table look unified and inviting.



- 1 Create a simple centerpiece using an assortment of candles and greenery.
- 2 Add texture with woven chargers, linen napkins and modern flatware.
- 3 Layer each setting with festive plates and individual soup tureens.4 Continue the autumn theme with place card holders inspired by nature.



THANKSGIVING PANINI

THANKSGIVING TURKEY PANINI

For a classic Thanksgiving leftover panini, place cranberry relish, sliced turkey, cooked stuffing and warm gravy between two slices of country bread. If desired, add a slice of provolone cheese. Brush the outside of the bread with olive oil, then cook on a panini press until the bread is toasted and the cheese is melted.

TURKEY PANINI WITH BLUE CHEESE AND CHUTNEY

For a modern twist, spread chutney on a bread slice and top with sliced turkey and crumbled blue cheese. Spread mayo on another bread slice and cover the sandwich. Brush the outside of the bread with olive oil, then cook on a panini press until the bread is toasted and the cheese is melted. Open the sandwich and top with a handful of fresh arugula.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Making panini is all about creativity, so customize your turkey sandwich as you please. Spread tangy mustard on the bread or add your favorite cheese. Or tuck crisp lettuce leaves inside the grilled panini to add a bit of crunch.

THANKSGIVING LEFTOVER IDEAS



- 🕯 Add diced turkey to sautéed potatoes and bell peppers for a twist on breakfast hash.
- 🕏 Shred turkey meat and toss it with tomatillo salsa for tasty tacos or enchiladas.
- 🕯 For a new take on shepherd's pie, combine diced turkey and vegetables with leftover gravy, top with mashed potatoes and bake until browned and bubbly.
- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{F}}$ Make a tortilla soup or a turkey-veggie soup with shredded turkey.
- Finish your favorite bean chili with diced turkey.
- 🕯 Add chunks of turkey to a classic Cobb salad.
- § Shape mashed potatoes into patties and brown on both sides in butter or olive oil, then serve with fried eggs.
- 🕻 Use cranberry relish as an accompaniment for cheeses or as a condiment on sandwiches.
- ¥ Layer scoops of fruit pie between dollops of Greek yogurt to create an amazing parfait that's wonderful for dessert—or even breakfast.
- Figure Blend vanilla ice cream with a small slice of pumpkin pie and a splash of milk for an over-the-top milk shake.

THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Leftovers are one of the best parts of Thanksgiving, and our favorite way to transform them is by making panini. Get inspired by our recipes or create your own combinations.



THANKSGIVING TIMELINE

The key to stress-free entertaining is to plan ahead—especially when it comes to the Thanksgiving meal. Our timeline will help you stay on track. You can do much of the prep work in advance, so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the company of your family and friends on the day of the feast.

1 TO 2 WEEKS BEFORE THANKSGIVING

Confirm the number of guests and plan your menu.

Order your turkey.

Plan your table setting, serving dishes and decorations.

Read through all your recipes to determine the food and cooking equipment you will need.

Make your shopping and to-do lists.

Shop for nonperishable food items plus any cooks' tools, cooking equipment and tableware you need.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE THANKSGIVING

Prepare the turkey brine but do not add the turkey; cover and refrigerate.

Prepare food that can be made several days ahead of time, such as pie pastry and cranberry sauce.

THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

Complete your food shopping.

If you ordered a fresh turkey, pick it up or have it delivered.

If you are brining the turkey, place it in the brine and refrigerate.

Prepare dishes that can be made in advance, such as soup and pies.

Chop vegetables for side dishes; refrigerate in covered bowls or sealable plastic bags.

Peel and cut the potatoes; place in cold water and refrigerate.

Set the table.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Refrigerate wines that need chilling.

Prepare the stuffing and other side dishes.

Prepare the turkey for roasting and put in the oven at the determined time. If you plan to stuff the bird, do not stuff it until just before you put it in the oven.

While the turkey is roasting, make the mashed potatoes.

While the turkey is resting, make the gravy and cook or reheat the side dishes.

Carve the turkey and serve your guests.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

THE WILLIAMS-SONOMA WINE PROGRAM

Our wine program is a great way to learn about wines that pair perfectly with your holiday feast. Choose three versatile wines for each course of the meal, or offer more diversity by setting out a range of varietals—from white to red and from light to full-bodied—and let your guests choose their favorites. Our wine pairings for this menu are featured below. To order this Thanksgiving Treasures Collection, shop our wine and learn about our wine club, visit williams-sonomawine.com or call 1-866-339-3234.



