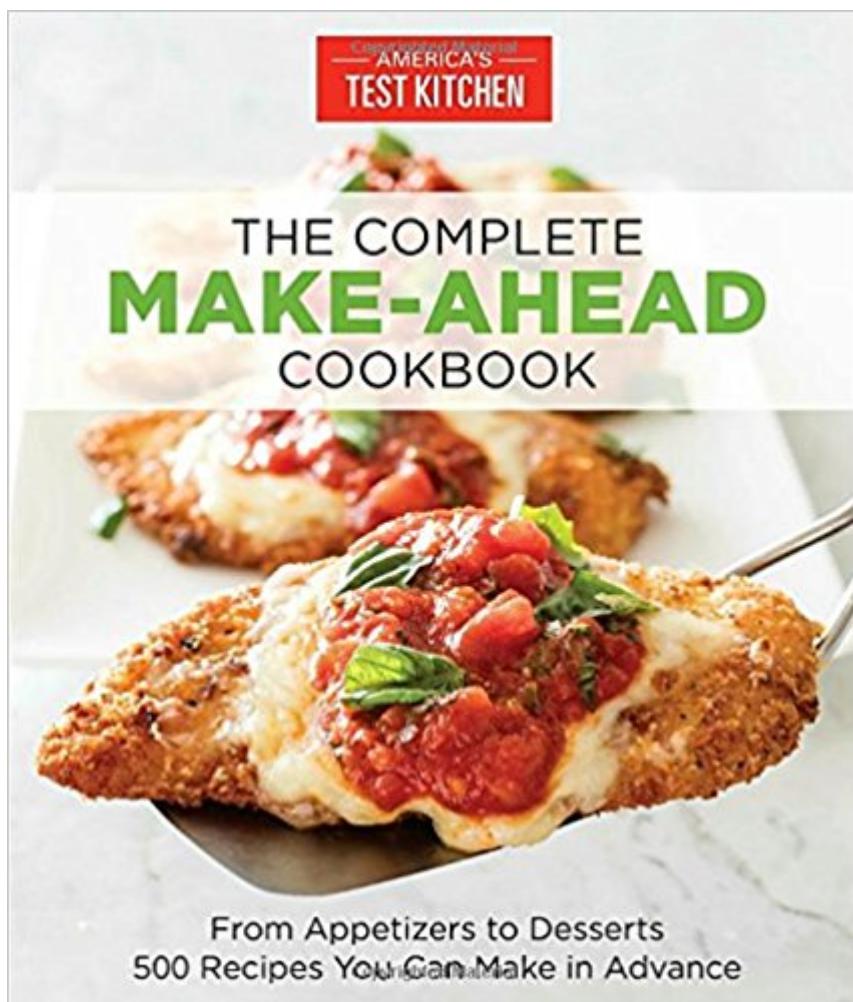


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# The Complete Make-Ahead Cookbook: From Appetizers To Desserts 500 Recipes You Can Make In Advance



## Synopsis

An impressive collection of 500 recipes at your fingertips! Make the recipe all at once, if you have time; or, use the accompanying suggestions on what parts are best to make ahead separately if you're short on time that day. Every recipe has been tested thoroughly on what's best to make when, and how to store it, to give your results a just-made flavor. Included in this compendium of new recipes are a few fan favorites that have been thoroughly re-tested and adjusted for the best results if you need to make a component in advance. You'll find classic, international and modern flavors with recipes such as Breakfast Strata, Mini Chicken Empanadas, Olive Oil-Sea Salt Pita Chips, Chickpea Cakes, Cauliflower Gratin, Stuffed Eggplant, Mexican Lasagna with Turkey, Tequila-Lime Turkey Chili, Moroccan Chicken Salad, Beef Tamale Pie, Smoked Salmon and Leek Tarts, Blueberry Streusel Bars, Maple Pecan Pie, Flourless Chocolate Cake and Bourbon Whipped Cream. In addition you'll find information basics for refrigerator and freezer storage, how to freeze egg yolks and egg whites properly, and the ultimate guide to storage containers to help give you the best tasting results!

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America's Test Kitchen is well-known for its top-rated television shows with more than 4 million weekly public television viewers, bestselling cookbooks, magazines, websites, and cooking school. The highly reputable and recognizable brands of America's Test Kitchen, Cook's Illustrated, and Cook's Country are the work of over 60 passionate chefs

based in Boston, Massachusetts, who put ingredients, cookware, equipment, and recipes through objective, rigorous testing to identify the very best. Discover, learn, and expand your cooking repertoire with Julia Collin Davison, Bridget Lancaster, Jack Bishop, Dan Souza, Lisa McManus, Tucker Shaw, Bryan Roof, and our fabulous team of test cooks!

This is not quite what I thought it was . . . I was thinking this would be primarily freezer meals, like if you want to do a once-a-month cooking marathon day, then have a freezer full of meals you can pull out and throw in the crock pot, or defrost in the frig then warm-up quickly that evening. This is not that. Most of the make-ahead suggestions are things like the option of marinading the chicken the night before, or putting together ingredients in the morning before you go to work (who has time for that?). Things that experienced cooks would know anyway. That said, it is America's Test Kitchen, so I know all the recipes will be excellent, so it is not that much of a disappointment, and the holiday dishes section will be handy. Just not quite what I was after.

This book is written just like most ATK publications with each recipe written to produce the final product from start to finish. But at the end of each recipe (sometimes on the following page) are instructions to modify the recipe "TO MAKE AHEAD". One must therefore adjust the recipe if you intend to make it ahead. Even though a casserole is to be baked 24 hours later, instructions often start: "1. Adjust oven rack to ..... position and heat oven to ..... degrees." **WARNING:** Make sure you read and incorporate all "TO MAKE AHEAD" instructions when making the recipe. The editors should have made the modifications before publishing. A very serious mistake! These are the same previously-published recipes with "make ahead" recommendations attached!. ATK (America's Test Kitchen, Cook's Illustrated and Cook's Country) have been publishing "Make-Ahead" for years (The Best Make-Ahead Recipe, 2007, Make-Ahead Recipes, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, Make-Ahead Dinners, 2014, Make-Ahead Appetizers, 2014, The Make-Ahead Cook, 2014, and All-Time Best Make Ahead Recipes, 2015) in addition to recipes in CI and CC magazines. It would be impossible to include all of these recipes and there are many good ones in this book. But don't call it "complete" when "Anytime Muffins, Anytime Dinner Rolls, Scoop-and-Bake Dinner Rolls and Freezer Biscuits" are not included among with many, many others.. Can't quite understand why some salads, soups, stews, chilis, slow-cooker and desserts are included? I would have given the book two stars but we know from experience the recipes will be good. Each recipe is marked "EASY" or "FREEZE IT" for quick reference. There is an abundance of hints for "make-ahead" and the index is excellent--pp 398-422. Categories such as "casseroles" and "grilling

Love this cookbook!! America's test kitchen has the best no Gail recipes. The pics are amazing and because I like to have parties with tons of people, these make ahead recipes are phenomenal!!!

I have enjoyed a lot of America's Test Kitchen cookbooks over the years. This was definitely another great one. The layout of the book is very helpful, I appreciate the icons denoting what is freezer friendly and the always helpful tip sections. I guess my only dislike is I would have preferred a bit more freezer friendly meals. There are several, but the majority of the make ahead recipes are for refrigeration. Still a great book that I use often.

great book for events and get-togethers, though not as great for those looking for a weekend prep/weekday meal solution. A make ahead book for weekly meal prep would be great- but it means that the meals need to be able to hold for up to 4 days before cooking...or at least components do. I loved this for party prep where I could do most of the food a day or two ahead, and then really enjoy my family!

Love this cookbook! Thanks!

Great recipes.

Lots of ideas and I like reading their testing processes. It gives me ideas of what to try.

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