



## Baked Cranberry Pudding



"This is an old-fashioned pudding that's a cranberry lover's delight. Serve warm topped with whipped cream for an elegant look, or in bowls with rich cream poured over for a homey touch. --Lucy Meyring, Walden, Colorado"

Serves 8

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons grated orange peel
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar, divided
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups coarsely chopped fresh cranberries
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- TOPPING:
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 1/2 cups whole cranberries

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine brown sugar and egg yolks. Add whipping cream, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg; set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, orange peel, baking powder, 1/4 t. cream of tartar and salt. Mix in cranberries. Add brown sugar mixture and butter; mix well. Beat egg whites until foamy. Add remaining cream of tartar; beat until soft peaks form. Fold into batter. Pour into a greased 9-in. springform pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 45 to 50 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, for topping, bring sugar and orange juice to a boil in a saucepan. Cook for 3 minutes or until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat; add cranberries and simmer 6 to 8 minutes or until berries begin to burst. Remove from heat and cover.
3. When pudding tests done, place springform pan on a jelly roll pan. Spoon warm cranberry sauce over top. Return to the oven for 10 minutes. Cool at least 1 hour or overnight. Before serving, reheat at 350 degrees F for 10 minutes.

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### Give the Gift of.... Plastic?

*Gift Cards, to give or not to give? Did Santa forget the presents this year? A few boxes placed under the tree...but wait... Here they are... a pile of envelopes???*



It seems as though lately our stocking stuffers have been our "big" gifts. Where a bike, the newest Barbie, or remote control car wrapped for the kids used to be waiting under the tree, has now been replaced by gift cards. Now kids, teens, and adults alike open various envelopes to receive \$20, \$50 or \$100 cards to go shopping at their favorite store. The question is does this make the gift too impersonal or does America prefer the gift card to go shopping for themselves?

The Top 3 Reasons people choose gift cards.

1. Fast! Fast! Fast! Oops you forgot someone on the list, thought you checked it twice, or your on your way to a gift exchange party- GASP- gift less, or maybe you just don't feel like shopping in all the crowds. Let's face it it only takes a few minutes to grab the card from the check out choose an amount and then sign your name and BAM! You could check off Grandma, your in-laws, your teenage son, and your brother, all in one trip.
2. No Fear. Worried they won't like your gift? Don't want them to return your gift? Well with a gift card that won't happen. You give the recipient the choice to buy what ever their heart desires. Instead of worrying about what is in the pink bunny slipper box, youth all over America can rest assured that all that Aunt Sally will send this year is an envelope with a gift card to their favorite store... if she got that right! That's the only choice you have worry about when choosing a gift card.

3. Personal Matters. So you have never spoke to the co-worker you chose from the secret Santa exchange or you have never been that close to your Sister in-law, and you can't remember for the life of your nephew is into Finding Nemo or Power Rangers. Let's face it, the gift card is a easy way to give a gift without having to make it personal. They are even great for those picky people you spend hours trying to find a gift they might like. Now you can get them all gift cards, so you don't have to ask around.

It's up to you this Holiday Season whether or not you choose to go the route of a gift card. But when deciding, just remember the golden rule "Do unto others as you would like done unto you". If you would prefer the thoughtfulness of a hand picked gift wrapped with a pretty bow under the tree, go that route instead.

## Holiday Traditions

10 ways you can create memories that will last through the generations..

1. Set a Day for Christmas Baking! Young and Old can't resist decorating (and eating) Christmas Goodies.
2. Go Light-Seeing! Get the gang in the Car and Drive around town enjoying all the festive decorations and lights.
3. Have a gift exchange, whether it's with friends, family, co-workers or neighbors, Get into the Giving spirit.
4. Plan a trip to the mall. You can go see Santa, Check off some people on your List, Enjoy the Stores Holiday Displays, and work off some of those Holiday extra pounds.
5. Go see a Play or Production. Nothing like singing, dancing, and an uplifting message to get you in the spirit of things.
6. Have Christmas Karaoke Night. What better way to enjoy all the holiday music than to hear your friends and family display their best (or worst) version of the song.
7. Read Part of The Christmas Story or personal favorite Christmas book each night finishing your story on Christmas Eve.
8. Spread the cheer by donating food, clothing or toys to the less fortunate. Many stores and churches hold donation drives this time of the year.
9. Have A Family night by the fire. Drink Hot Coco, and curl up around the fire while playing board games, with the ones you hold dear.
10. Decorate your socks off! Pick a day to clear the house and hang all the trimmings on the tree, fireplace and roof. Decorating the house makes it feel like Christmas everyday.

## The Next Real Estate Boom

In decades past, the future of civilization was painted in the silver strokes of gleaming high rises, the dense traffic of speeding vehicles, and of course, ubiquitous plastic. While the latter two visions have materialized, the future may not include the high tech of high rises, but instead a return to a very retro notion of small village communities.

Picture the scene: it's 2025, and you and your family are living in a beautiful, leafy-green village that seems more 19th century than 21st, even though it has only been in existence for ten years and is just 20 miles from a major American city.

You know all of the 150 or so souls in the village; you see them at the market where you pick up a box of locally-grown produce once a week. You see half of them in the morning as they board the commuter train for school or work in the city; the other half are the network warriors who work from home or, on warm days, use the free Wi-Fi in the village square.

It all seems a world away from the crumbling old 20th-century suburbs people used to live in, if you could call it living. You shudder to think you could still be living there. Oh, and you see that really nice house just down the bicycle lane? That's yours, the fruits of your smart move to plunk down a payment on a piece of the hottest new trend in real estate.



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