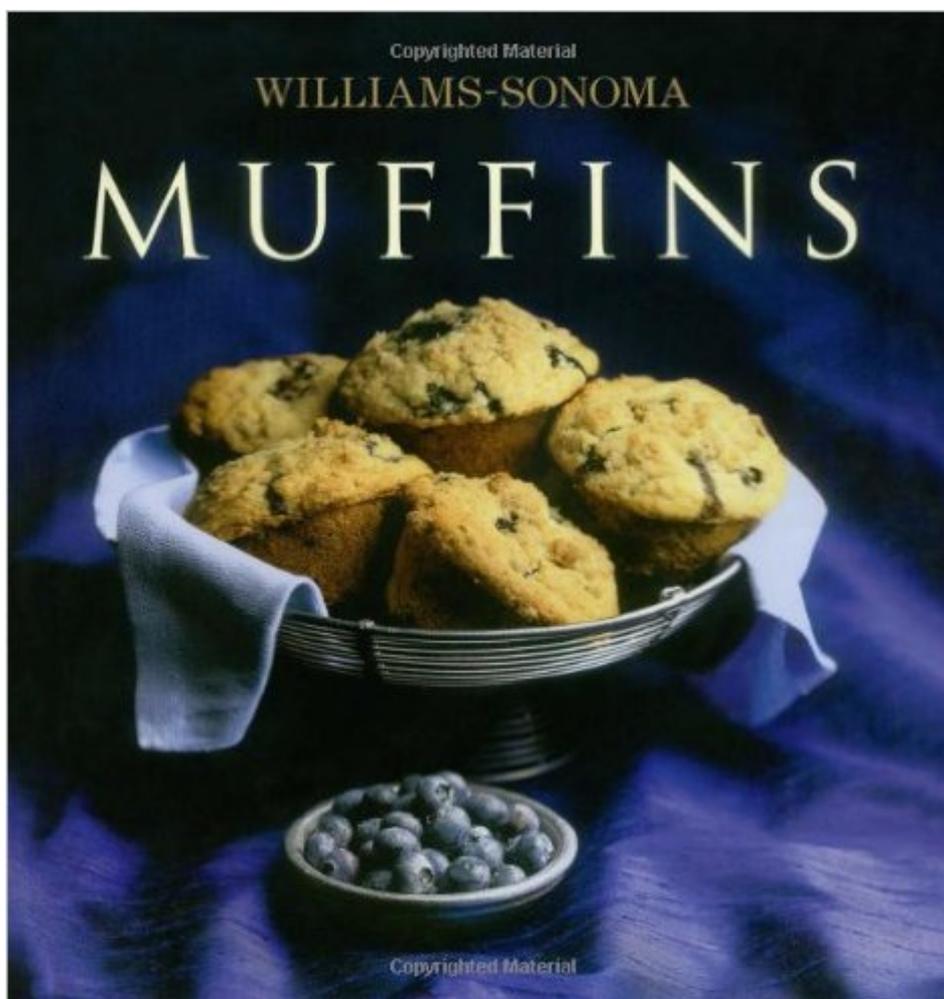


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Williams-Sonoma Collection: Muffins



Synopsis

Blueberry muffins crowned with a cinnamon and sugar topping, savory cornmeal muffins spiced with jalapeño, tender lemon and poppy seed muffins served with lemon curd—these are recipes that any home cook would be proud to make and bring fresh from the oven to the table. Williams-Sonoma Collection Muffins includes 40 kitchen-tested recipes for these and other muffins as well as coffee cakes and quick breads. Not only can the recipes be prepared in just an hour or two—they are also wonderfully versatile. Banana-walnut muffins and slices of pumpkin bread are delightful ways to bake with fresh fruits and vegetables. You can serve muffins flavored with Cheddar cheese or pesto as a savory accompaniment to soups and salads. Coffee cakes enriched with raspberries, apples, or chocolate make elegant centerpieces for breakfast, brunch, or afternoon tea. Each recipe in these pages is shown alongside a beautiful full-color photograph that helps you decide which recipe you want to bake. Additional photographs illustrate side notes with invaluable information about essential ingredients and techniques. You will also find an entire chapter devoted to simple baking basics. This cookbook provides everything you need to create delicious muffins perfect for any meal or occasion.

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Customer Reviews

The great thing about the Williams Sonoma series are the detailed tips and instructions at the back. In the Muffins book, this includes adjusting cooking times to make jumbo or miniature muffins instead of standard size, tips on getting the muffins out of different types of pans, and substitutions

for common ingredients. Each recipe has a gorgeous photo, easy-to-follow instructions, and short tips on the key ingredients (such as the difference between sweet and sour cherries and tips on buying them fresh, frozen or canned). The book includes not only sweet and savory muffins of many different varieties, but coffee cakes and similar items as well. I brought the first two recipes I tried, raspberry muffins and chocolate chip muffins, to work, and they disappeared faster and got more raves than anything else I've brought in, and they were far easier to make than anything else. I'll never eat store-bought again.

I cannot rave enough about this cookbook! I have been baking for over 20 years and have gone through many cookbooks. This one is amazing. I have tried over 15 recipes so far and all have been fabulous. It is very user-friendly and the instructions are clear. I really like the photos of all the goodies, it helps to see what the final goal is! This book is more than just muffins too, the quick breads are delicious and my family all have their favorites now. I use this cookbook at least once a week, if not more. Also, many of the muffin recipes freeze well (chocolate chip, banana-walnut, lemon-poppysseed) so I can double up batches and freeze them for the kids. 35 seconds in the microwave and they taste fresh! If you like to bake, this is a must in your collection :)

I've been baking and cooking for awhile now and have mastered pretty much everything but hadn't had a really good muffin. This cookbook is a must have for anyone, no matter if you are a first-timer or a pro. All the recipes are delicious, they come out looking exactly as they do in the pictures, and all the instructions are simple to follow. The recipes don't call for any exotic ingredients, just basic things that are always on hand. Again, the recipes are simple but delicious, elegant, and real crowd pleasers. The time it takes to prepare and bake these muffins are all pretty much under 45 minutes. I think this book would also be great for children who are learning to bake and are new to the kitchen.

This is my favorite go to cookbook for prep ahead breakfast. The recipes are delicious every time. And, when guests arrive I don't have to worry 'Will the recipe turn out'. There are more than just muffins in the book. There are breads and coffee cakes. As I type this I am eating the Spiced Apple Coffee Cake. The recipes aren't complicated. In fact, they are very simple and call for ordinary ingredients. But, who would have thought that you could make a muffin that tastes like a dognut! Williams Sonoma did, and it does. The secret ingredient? Buttermilk. Other favorites of mine in the book are the raspberry muffins, the jam filled muffins, the chocolate chip muffins, and the pear muffins. I have used the batter for the raspberry muffins with many other fruits - one of our favorites is

peaches. This book gives you an awesome base and you can mix and match and get creative without worry! I made my sister a batch of the cherry muffins with the coconut topping and plan on baking more when she delivers her first child...Excellent for a beginner and tasty enough for the expert cook.

Out of this collection by Williams-Sonoma I think that this book and their Cookie book are my favorites. Overall I found the recipes in the muffin book to be clear, concise, and easy to follow with good results. I also liked the fact that the recipes mainly called for common ingredients and were quick to make. My two favorite muffins in the book were the cheese and the blueberry muffin recipes. Although the cheese muffin recipe was more like bread, it was hearty, warm, and absolutely perfect for a cold day. If you are looking for a well-rounded collection of muffin recipes I would recommend that you purchase this book.

I find an excellent book and particularly the salted recipes. Those of jalapeño are really delicious, here in Mexico we eat a lot of chili and that recipe loved to my family. I also made those of goat cheese with tomato, only I made a variable, I changed the fresh tomato for dehydrated tomato and then they gave a very special and delicious touch. I made those of cinnamon, but it happened me something terrible, the recipe says that I should use 1 1/2 teaspoon of powder of baking and 1/2 of baking soda, but I confused the recipe and I used 1 1/2 of baking soda and you will already be able to imagine that almost they explode later in the point oven that they weighed, they descended and they were awful, it was impossible to eat them because they came undone!! Then I made them with the exact proportions again and they were very good. I really find the book good, here in Mexico we can get books of Williams-Sonoma, but this of Muffins I have not seen it in any bookstore. It is for that reason that it loved so much to my family, because it was a novelty for them.

This W-S Collection of muffins is priceless! Every muffin recipe I have tried--7 so far--has been delicious. I also used the orange-nut bread recipe to make muffins and had great results. The collection includes recipes for coffee cakes too and every recipe in the book has a beautiful full page color photograph. This wonderful book would be a standout in anyone's collection.

Like nearly all Williams-Sonoma books, this one looks to have some terrific recipes but there are only 25 from which to choose and I have a sneaky suspicion that I won't be making the Spinach Muffins. Had I not already owned well over 100 cookbooks, I might have been more delighted that

W-S included 15 cake and bread recipes but, in the end, there are NOT a lot of recipes. The ones I will consider Do Look Delicious! Had I been buying in a bookstore, I'd have taken a pass on this one but it would be a lovely gift.

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