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## Holiday Guide 2011

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### 25 holiday cookie recipes

From thumbprints to exotic shortbread, our collection of holiday cookie recipes has something for everyone. This year, we've highlighted the handiwork of bakers with local connections.

#### 1 Almond Macaroons

Chewy and dairy-free, this recipe is from Washington culinary historian and chef Amy Riolo.

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#### 2 Almost Nutter Butter Sandwich Cookies

A popular treat at Willow restaurant in Ballston, from executive pastry chef Kate Jansen. Any filling left over would taste great on a toasted bagel.

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#### 3 Blackberry Thumbprints

The flavors of lemon zest and thyme complement the fruit filling. These are from

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Washington baker Erica Skolnick, of Frenchie's Handmade Pastries.

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## 4 [Cardamom-Brown Sugar Snickerdoodles](#)



Food editor Joe Yonan's take on a classic holiday cookie, with only 3 grams of fat each

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## 5 [Cheesecake Pecan Bars](#)



A rich, satisfying bite is packed into these small squares, from Susan Wallace, executive pastry chef of BlackSalt in the Palisades.

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## 6 [Cherry Pistachio Oatmeal Cookies](#)

Whisked! partners Stephanie Willis and Jenna Huntsberger add oomph to a basic recipe.

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## 7 [Chickpea Cookies \(Nan-e nokhodchi\)](#)

Roasted chickpea flour creates a distinct but tender texture in these Persian/Iranian cookies, from Washington cookbook author and cooking instructor Najmieh Batmanglij.

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## 8 [Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Pistachio Apricot Cookies](#)



A fruity, crunchy, chewy treat, from Susan Wallace, executive pastry chef at BlackSalt restaurant in the Palisades.

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### **9** Corean's Oatmeal Cookies

Coconut adds a nutty taste to these cookies, which have a nice balance of crispy and chewy textures; from the mom of Washington Post staffer Twila Waddy.

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### **10** Double Chocolate Coconut Cookies

Toasted coconut in the dough is the secret behind these treats from Whisked! partners Stephanie Willis and Jenna Huntsberger.

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### **11** Frangelico Crinkles

The liqueur adds sophistication to these soft cookies, from Mary Lee Montfort of Mary Lee's Desserts in Vienna.

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### **12** Gingerbread Cookie Tree

Washington native Gail Dosik of OneToughCookie starts with a Cook's Illustrated recipe to build a whimsical, edible Christmas decoration.

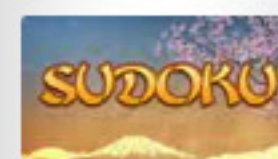
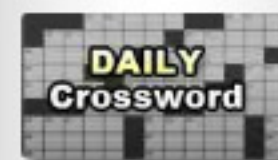
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### **13** Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookies

These cookies are a favorite of "Top Chef Just Desserts" finalist Matthew Petersen, who serves them at CityZen and Sou'Wester.

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These cookies are a traditional part of any Eastern European holiday celebration, from Washington cookbook author Carol Cutler.

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## Lime Thai Basil Shortbread With Passion Fruit Glaze

These cookies have a subtle but complex flavor, and can be made with or without the glaze, from Kate Jansen, executive pastry chef at Willow restaurant in Ballston.

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## M&M Bars



Change the colors of the candies inside to reflect the season, from Mary Lee Montfort of Mary Lee's Desserts in Vienna.

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## No-Bake Chocolate Oat Cookies

Food editor Joe Yonan ups the ante with almond butter, dried cherries and fleur de sel.

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# 18

## Orange Mincemeat Squares



From Washington cookbook author Carol Cutler, these small treats get a flavor boost from orange-flavored liqueur and brandy.

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## Salty Chocolate Nutella Thumbprints

A guaranteed crowd pleaser, from Whisked! partners Stephanie Willis and Jenna Huntsberger.

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## Sesame-Poppy Crisps

Use the freshest walnut oil to make these delicate, low-fat tuiles, from chef Michel Richard.

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## 21 Speculoos Wafers

A favorite at Patisserie Poupon in Georgetown, these crisp, thin French cookies can be enjoyed with or without a chocolate coating.

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## 22 Spiced Cranberry-Orange Zingers



These are bright-tasting and low-fat, with an orange buttercream, from Washington area cookbook author Nancy Baggett.

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## 23 Sugar Cookie Tree

Washington native Gail Dosik of OneToughCookie shares her charming ways of creating edible holiday art; watch her demo at [wapo.st/cookie-trees](http://wapo.st/cookie-trees).

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## 24 White Chocolate, Cherry and Almond Cookies

An easy and festive drop cookie from Colleen O'Hanolan, pastry chef at the Clifton Inn in Charlottesville.

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## 25 White Chocolate- and Peppermint-Studded Chocolate Mountains



Washington area cookbook author Nancy Baggett's ode to favorite holiday flavors.

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