

# Cooking with technology

Recipe app belongs in kitchen drawer next to knives, forks and all your other utensils

**I**f you're going to cook, you will need certain utensils to do it. Every kitchen worth its salt should have knives, spoons, measuring cups, mixing bowls, a thermometer and, of course, a smart phone.

The printed cookbooks and recipe cards of your mother's kitchen have been upgraded to digital versions. **Yummly.com** is a website and app designed to bring out your inner Emeril Lagasse or Julia Child.

Yummly is a virtual cookbook that serves millions of recipes. It lets you save and organize recipes in customized collections, such as breakfast, dinner, drinks, desserts or any other category you make up.

The app lets you prepare shopping lists based on the recipes you pick, so you know just what to get at the store. You also can call up recipes based on what food you have

on hand. Type in the ingredients you have in your refrigerator and cupboards, and Yummly will cook up a list of dishes you can prepare.

The home page of the site features a visual buffet of delicious-looking food photos. Clicking on a photo brings you to the recipe information. Some recipes will have the ingredients and directions together on the same page. Most will list the ingredients, but you have to click another link to get the directions.

The recipe pages have lots of tasty features. You can adjust the number of people being served to change the measurements accordingly. You can convert measurements to metric. Recipes can be shared and printed. Nutrition information is displayed for most recipes. There also are reviews of the recipe from other users.

Yummly is like a smorgasbord. The recipes come from different sources all over the web. Because of this, each recipe may provide you with a different browsing experience, and many will take you to other sites.

Each recipe has a little orange Yum button on it. Clicking on this button allows you to save the recipe. You can save it into one of the preset collections, or click on New Collection to create your own. The site analyzes the recipes you Yum in order to customize the menu to dishes it thinks you will like.

If you register with the site, more options are available. You can set up a profile with your tastes, dietary restrictions, allergies and more to tailor the search results it feeds you.

Yummly is well done and easy to digest. If you cook or want to start, it's a nice addition to your kitchen.

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