

Let's talk turkey

Website covers all of the basics for preparing Thanksgiving dinner

Thanksgiving is the most laid back of the major holidays. It doesn't have the big build up, decorating and shopping of Christmas. It's not an all-night affair like New Year's Eve. There's no costumes or trick-or-treating or fireworks. It's just family and friends getting together over a meal to give thanks for what's good in life.

Of course, the meal doesn't just happen. Some family members put in a lot of time and effort to prepare the feast. Most families have favorite dishes and traditions they do every year. But if you're looking to sample some new recipes, visit Thanksgiving.com for some good ideas.

The site focuses mainly on food, but it also covers decorations and activities for kids. There's also a section dedicated to different ways to give thanks.



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Plenty of recipes

There's a section with recipes for main dishes, most of which feature turkey. A few feature other options, such as game hen, chicken, pasta and pork.

There's also a section on side dishes. It covers many types of potatoes, several styles of stuffing, some other vegetables and even home-baked bread.

The dessert section covers several variations of pumpkin pie, plus pumpkin cupcakes and spice cake. There's also apple, pecan and potato pies. Cheesecakes, cannolis and even some booze-infused desserts fill out the section.

The recipes include ingredient lists and instructions. They are illustrated with photos of the finished dish and, in some cases, the key steps as well. Video instructions

are available for some recipes.

The Decor section has lots of tips on creating ambience for the holiday. There's articles on many topics, such as preparing your house for overnight guests, creating memorable centerpieces, making wreaths, unique table settings, crafts for the kids and more. Many of the articles contain links to other sites with how-to directions for the various projects.

The site's design is contemporary with clean, organized typography. The photos and videos are of good quality, and the navigation is easy to follow. The writing is the kind of phony, upbeat, marketing fluff that's to be expected on a site like this.

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