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make-andfreeze appetizers

authentic lasagne

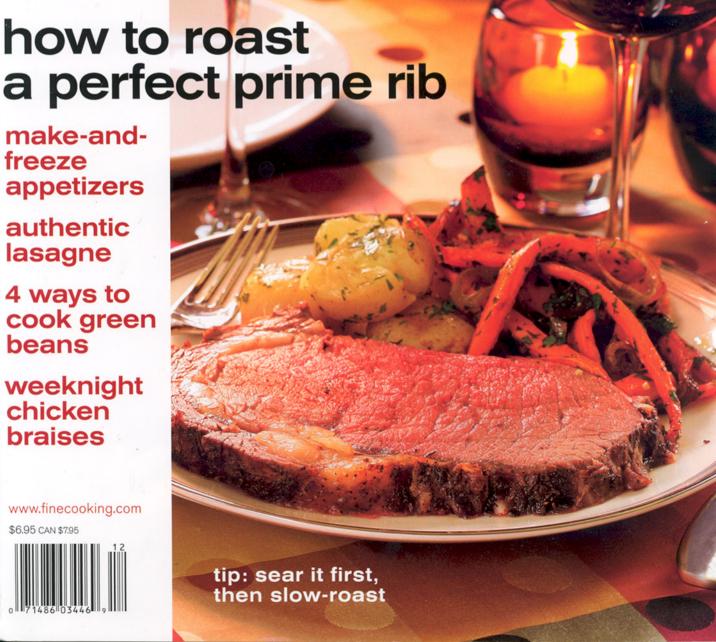
4 ways to cook green beans

weeknight chicken braises

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# equipment

Gifts for cooks

Pasta machines

Splatter screens

Tabletop garden

**Dutch ovens** 

# started.

# what's new

# Gifts for Cooks

Whether you're hunting for a stocking stuffer or working on your own wish list. here are a few good ideas to get you



### A star is born

These heavy-duty, cast-aluminum cake pans from Kaiser let you bake the prettiest star-shaped cakes, and thanks to the nonstick coating, cakes release neatly and cleanup is a breeze. The large pan sells for about \$25 and the small pan for about \$14 at Amazon.com.

### Knife art

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You might be tempted to save these handcrafted knives for special occasions, but they're built to hold up to the rigors of everyday use. The blades are forged of high-carbon Swedish stainless steel, the comfortable hardwood handles are impregnated with resins for durability, and the knives have a lifetime guarantee. The two-piece set comes with a sturdy leather sheath and costs \$139 at NewWestKnifeWorks.com

### Have a ball

Shouldn't ice cream be as fun to make as it is to eat? With the Play & Freeze ice-cream maker from Industrial Revolution, it can be, Just fill one end of the ball with ice and salt, the other end with ice-cream base (use your favorite recipe), and then play with the ball for about 15 minutes. Next thing you

know, you'll have a pint or a quart of soft, creamy ice cream. The balls come in a variety of colors; the pintsize version sells for \$29.95 and the guart-size model for \$39 at Rei.com.



### And everything nice

Whether you want just a sprinkle of nutmeg for your eggnog or a teaspoon of cinnamon for your gingerbread, these cute little spice mills make it easy to grind your own. Peugeot's new Amboine nutmeg mill sells for \$58 at CookSite .com, and Kuhn Rikon's Vase Grinder sells for \$29.95 at PleasantHillGrain.com (fill it with cinnamon bark chips, available for \$2.95 for 2 oz. at BakersCatalogue.com).

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