

# INDEX

**Note:** Page numbers in *italics* indicate pages with photos.

## A

Alcoholic beverages. *See* Cocktails  
Almond Dressing, 239  
Almond Glaze, 190  
American cheese  
  savory potatoes, 107  
  scalloped potatoes, 203  
Appetizers  
  Baked Spinach, Crab and  
    Artichoke Dip, 214  
  Bloody Mary Shrimp Cocktail,  
    164–165  
  Cheese Pumpkins, 147  
  Chili Cheese Empanaditas,  
    74–75  
  Christmas trees, 222–223  
  Cranberry Chicken Salad Tarts,  
    16–17  
  Double-Cheese Fondue, 12–13  
  Edible Centerpiece, 173  
  Festive Cheese Trio, 215  
  Fresh Basil-Wrapped Cheese  
    Balls, 14  
  Hummus and Olive Tapenade  
    Spread, 132–133  
  Olive Tapenade, 230

Pesto Salmon Roulades, 11  
Puff Pastry Wreath with Brie,  
  195–196  
Quick Guacamole, 76  
Smoked Salmon and Egg  
  Wraps, 88  
Spicy Chicken Wings, 24–25  
Tortilla Servers, 77  
*See also* Snacks  
Apple cider  
  buttered rum-spiced, 233  
  warm cinnamon orange, 146  
Apples  
  cranberry glaze, 169  
  Ginger Applesauce, 188  
  monster head, 150–151  
  -Rye Bread, 44  
Artichoke hearts, spinach and  
  crab dip, baked, 214  
Art in the Park Picnic, 99  
Avocados  
  Quick Guacamole, 76  
  Tropical Fruit Salad, 239  
  -Turkey Panini, 179

## B

Bacon  
  Avocado-Turkey Panini, 179  
  Seven-Layer Salad, 110  
  three-bean medley with, 123

Baked Spinach, Crab and  
  Artichoke Dip, 214  
Bananas, Tropical Fruit Salad,  
  239  
Barbecue  
  basic meat rub, 108  
  Beer Can Chicken, 108–109  
  Focaccia with Grilled Garlic,  
    135  
  Grilled Garlic Bread with  
    Rosemary, 112–113  
  Grilled Mexican Citrus  
    Chicken, 80–81  
  Savory Cheese Potatoes, 107  
  Seafaring Packets, 130–131  
  Sour Cream and Onion  
    Burgers, 120–121  
  Spicy Grilled Corn, 122  
Basil pesto, Roasted Vegetable  
  Lasagna, 213  
Basil-Wrapped Cheese Balls, 14  
Beans, three, bacon medley, 123  
Bean sprouts, Pork Fried Rice, 29  
Beef  
  Adobe Pie, 82  
  braised brisket, 186  
  Burgundy Stew with Herb  
    Dumplings, 34  
  corned brisket and cabbage  
    dinner, 42–43

- Ghostly Shepherd's Pie, 140–141
- Sour Cream and Onion Burgers, 120–121
- Beer
- based drinks, 217
  - Can Chicken, 108–109
  - garnishes for, 217
- Beet Salad with Toasted Walnuts, 41
- Best Brined Turkey Breast, 156–157
- Best Flaky Pastry, 176
- Best Mashed Potatoes, 57
- Beverages
- alcoholic. *See* Cocktails
  - coffee, flavored additions to, 216
  - garnishes for cold, 219
  - garnishes for hot, 216
  - glasses, rimming, 219
  - hot chocolate, flavored additions, 216
  - juice ice cubes, 219
  - Lemonade Tea, 134
  - Noel Spritzer, 195
  - Warm Cinnamon Orange Cider, 146
- Biscuits, Cheddar cheese, 242–243
- Bisquick mix
- Cinnamon Streusel Coffee Cake, 90–91
  - Herb Dumplings, 34
  - Quick Fruit Cobbler, 136
- Bloody Mary Shrimp Cocktail, 164–165
- Blueberries
- Flag Cake, 124–125
  - Fruit Kabobs with Tropical Fruit Coulis, 220–221
  - Poppy Seed Fruit Salad, 100–101
  - Quick Fruit Cobbler, 136
- Blue cheese
- mashed potatoes, 57
  - pear salad with, 202
- Braised Brisket of Beef, 186
- Bread
- apple rye, 44
  - Focaccia with Grilled Garlic, 135
  - garlic, grilled with rosemary, 112–113
  - Irish soda, 45
  - praline pumpkin date, 180
- Bread machine, use of, 44
- Breadsticks, pine tree parmesan, 204–205
- Bread stuffing, cranberry, 171
- Brie cheese, puff pastry wreath with, 195–196
- Brined Turkey Breast, 156–157
- Broccoli
- Marinated Vegetables, 159
  - Turkey Divan, 178
- Browned Butter, 56
- Brownies, mocha torte with strawberries, 70
- Brussels sprouts, Marinated Vegetables, 159
- Bundt cake, scarecrow, 142–143
- Burgers, sour cream and onion, 120–121
- Burgundy Stew with Herb Dumplings, 34
- Butter
- browned, 56
  - chive, 130
  - lemon, 130
- Buttered Rum-Spiced Cider, 233
- Buttermilk biscuits, Easy Doughnuts, 192
- C**
- Cabbage
- corned beef and, 42–43
  - Creamy Coleslaw, 98
  - Leaf Bouquet, 48
  - nappa, Stir-Fried Noodles with Vegetables, 28
- Caesar salad, Tijuana-style, 78–79
- Cakes
- chocolate sweetheart, 36–37
  - coffee, cinnamon streusel, 90–91
  - Easter Bunny, 60–61
  - flag, 124–125
  - scarecrow, 142–143
  - sweet potato, 244
  - tres leches, 84
  - vanilla drizzle for, 90
- Candies
- Cinnamon Truffles, 18–19
  - Ghosts on Broomsticks, 152
  - Luscious Chocolate Truffles, 228–229
- Cantaloupe, Fruit Kabobs with Tropical Fruit Coulis, 220–221
- Carrot cake, Easter bunny, 60–61
- Carrots
- Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 42–43
  - honeyed, 183
  - tzimmes, easy, 68
- Cereal
- Chex, Roasted Sesame and Honey Snack Mix, 224
  - rings, Harvest Snack Mix, 148
- Champagne Cookies, 20
- Cheddar cheese
- Biscuits, 242–243
  - fondue, double-cheese, 12–13
  - savory potatoes, 12–13
  - Seven-Layer Salad, 110
- Cheddar cold pack, Cheese Pumpkins, 147
- Cheese
- American
    - savory potatoes, 107
    - scalloped potatoes, 203
  - blue cheese
    - mashed potatoes, 57
    - pear salad with, 202
  - brie, puff pastry wreath, 195–196
- Cheddar
- Biscuits, 242–243
  - fondue, double-cheese, 12–13
  - savory potatoes, 107
  - Seven-Layer Salad, 110
- Cheddar cold pack, Pumpkins, 147
- chèvre cheese, Festive Cheese Trio, 215

- Cheese (*cont.*)
- Colby
    - Adobe Pie, 82
    - Avocado-Turkey Panini, 179
  - Gorgonzola, cheese balls,
    - basil-wrapped, 14
  - Havarti, fondue, double-cheese, 12–13
  - mascarpone, cheese-balls,
    - basil-wrapped, 14
  - Mexican-style, chili empanaditas, 74–75
  - mozzarella, Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213
  - Parmesan
    - pine tree breadsticks, 204–205
    - Turkey Divan, 178
  - provolone, Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213
  - Cheese Fondue, 12–13
  - Cheese Pumpkins, 147
  - Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes, 203
  - Chèvre cheese, Festive Cheese Trio, 215
  - Chicken
    - barbecued, beer can, 108–109
    - drumettes, use of, 24
    - grilled, Mexican citrus, 80–81
    - Moroccan, with olives, 234–235
    - sautéed paprika, 66–67
    - wings, spicy, 24–25
  - Chicken salad
    - cranberry tarts, 16–17
    - Mandarin, 96–97
  - Chili Cheese Empanaditas, 74–75
  - Chinese cabbage, Stir-Fried Noodles with Vegetables, 28
  - Chinese noodles
    - Mandarin Chicken Salad, 96–97
    - stir-fried with vegetables, 28
  - Chinese-Spiced Pecans, 225
  - Chips
    - cinnamon, 15
    - puff pastry leaves, 196–197
  - Chive Butter, 130
  - Chocolate
    - chip cookies, fresh mint, 102–103
    - Cinnamon Truffles, 18–19
    - hot, flavored additions to, 216
    - Mocha Brownie Torte with Strawberries, 67, 70
    - Pat-in-Pan Pie Crust, 46–47
    - Pecan Pie, 176–177
    - raspberry fondue, 206–207
    - Sweetheart Cake, 36–37
    - Truffles, 228
  - Chocolate crème-filled cookies
    - Frosty Coffee Almond Pie, 160–161
    - Spooky Spider Cookies, 149
    - Strawberry Santas, 226–227
  - Christmas Rainbow Cookies, 210–211
  - Christmas Tree Appetizers, 222–223
  - Cider
    - buttered rum-spiced, 233
    - warm cinnamon orange, 146
  - Cider Vinaigrette, 202
  - Cinnamon
    - Chips, 15
    - Orange Cider, 146
    - Streusel Coffee Cake, 90–91
    - Truffles, 18–19
  - Citrus Marinade, 80
  - Clams, Seafaring Packets, 130–131
  - Clay Pot Condiment Servers, 117
  - Cobbler, quick fruit, 136
  - Cocktails
    - alcoholic gelatin cubes, 218
    - beer-based drinks, 217
    - Buttered Rum-Spiced Cider, 233
    - Cran-tinis, 163
    - frosting glasses, 87
    - Frozen Cranberry Margaritas, 33
    - garnishes for, 219
    - martini, classic, 219
    - martini variations, 19
    - Noel Spritzer, 195
    - Peachy Mimosas, 87
    - White Sangria, 73
  - Coconut
    - Easter Bunny Cake, 60–61
    - Gingered Pineapple, 30
    - grass, 60
    - Rainbow Cookies, 210–211
    - Tres Leches Cake, 84
    - Tropical Fruit Salad, 239
  - Coffee, flavored additions for, 216
  - Coffee cake, cinnamon streusel, 90–91
  - Coffee ice cream, pie, frosty almond, 160–161
  - Colby cheese
    - Adobe Pie, 82
    - Avocado-Turkey Panini, 179
  - Coleslaw
    - additions to basic, 98
    - creamy, 98
  - Coleslaw mix, Mandarin Chicken Salad, 96–97
  - Collard greens, hot and spicy, 238
  - Cookies
    - champagne, 20
    - Christmas rainbow, 210–211
    - colored sugar topping, 210–211
    - coloring dough, 59
    - Decorators' Frosting for, 190–191
    - fresh mint chocolate chip, 102–103
    - Hanukkah honey, 190–191
    - rainbow egg, 58–59
    - Royal Icing for, 20
    - spooky spider, 149
  - Corn
    - Adobe Pie, 82
    - Seafaring Packets, 130–131
    - spicy grilles, 122
  - Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 42–43
  - Corn bread, Adobe Pie, 82
  - Cosmopolitans, 219
  - Coulis, tropical fruit, 220–221
  - Crabmeat (imitation), spinach and artichoke dip, baked, 214

- Crafts  
 Art in the Park Picnic, 99  
 Cabbage Leaf Bouquet, 48  
 Clay Pot Condiment Servers, 117  
 Cranberry Kissing Ball, 209  
 Flower Plates, 126  
 Flower Table Card, 62  
 Golden Glow Candy Wreath, 200  
 Hanging Flower Vase, 114  
 Kid's "Go Fish" Party Dishes, 129  
 Mason Jar Candle, 111  
 Mexican Confetti Eggs, 83  
 Mom's Mini-Frame and Candy Favor, 89  
 Moss Heart, 38  
 Nature's Bounty Centerpiece, 240–241  
 Olive Tree Centerpiece, 65  
 Personalized Place Cards, 158  
 Relaxing Milk Bath, 189  
 Robin's Eggs in Nest Centerpiece, 54–55  
 Saturday Morning Breakfast Picnic, 104  
 Sealed-with-a-Kiss Cards, 35  
 Sparkling Place Cards, 201  
 Spooky Doorknob Decorations, 145  
 Teacup Candle, 92  
 Cranberries, dried  
 Chicken Salad Tarts, 16–17  
 -Stuffing, 171  
 Cranberries, fresh, -Kissing Ball, 209  
 Cranberry juice  
 Cran-tinis, 163  
 Margaritas, 33  
 Noel-Spritzer, 195  
 Cranberry sauce, -Apple Glaze, 169  
 Cream cheese  
 Christmas Tree Appetizers, 222–223  
 Festive Cheese Trio, 215  
 Strawberry Santas, 226–227  
 Creamy Coleslaw, 98  
 Creamy Irish Pie, 46–47  
 Cupcakes, Rudolph, 208
- D**  
 Dark Chocolate Raspberry Fondue, 206–207  
 Dates, bread, pumpkin praline, 180  
 Decorators' Frosting, 190–191  
 Desserts  
 Dark Chocolate Raspberry Fondue, 206–207  
 Gingered Fruit Salsa with Crispy Cinnamon Chips, 15  
 Gingered Pineapple, 30  
 Mocha Brownie Torte with Strawberries, 67, 70  
 Poppy Seed Fruit Salad, 99–100  
 Quick Fruit Cobbler, 136  
*See also* Cakes; Cookies; Cupcakes; Fruits; Fruit salads; Pastry; Pies
- Dips  
 baked spinach, crab and artichoke, 214  
 Quick Guacamole, 76  
 Double-Cheese Fondue, 12–13  
 Doughnuts, easy, 192  
 Dried fruits, in stuffing, 171  
 Drinks. *See* Beverages; Cocktails  
 Dumplings, herb, 34
- E**  
 Easter Bunny Cake, 60–61  
 Easy dishes  
 carrot tzimmes, 68  
 doughnuts, 192  
 Edible Centerpiece, 173  
 Eggs, wraps, and smoked salmon, 88  
 Egg wash, 74  
 Empanaditas  
 chili cheese, 74–75  
 make-ahead, 74  
 Entrees  
 Adobe Pie, 82  
 Beer Can Chicken, 108–109  
 Best Brined Turkey Breast, 156–157  
 Braised Brisket of Beef, 186  
 Burgundy Stew with Herb Dumplings, 34  
 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 42–43  
 Ghostly Shepherd's Pie, 140–141  
 Grilled Mexican Citrus Chicken, 80–81  
 Minted Leg of Lamb, 52–53  
 Moroccan Chicken with Olives, 234–235  
 Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213  
 Salmon with Mint Sauce, 184–185  
 Sautéed Chicken Paprika, 66–67  
 Seafaring Packets, 130–131  
 Shrimp Gumbo, 236  
 Sour Cream and Onion Burgers, 120–121  
 Stir-Fried Noodles with Vegetables, 28  
 Stir-Fried Red Snapper, 26–27  
 Sweet and Spicy Rubbed Ham, 198–199
- F**  
 Festive Cheese Trio, 215  
 Filo dough, tart shells, 16–17  
 Fish and seafood  
 Salmon with Mint Sauce, 184–185  
 Seafaring Packets, 130–131  
 Stir-Fried Red Snapper, 26–27  
 Flag Cake, 124–125  
 Flower Plates, 126  
 Flower Table Card, 62  
 Focaccia with Grilled Garlic, 135  
 Fondue  
 dark chocolate raspberry, 12–13  
 dippers, tips for, 206  
 double-cheese, 12–13  
 fruit dippers, 206  
 make ahead, 12  
 Food coloring  
 color-mixing chart, 210  
 liquid type, 59

Food coloring (*cont.*)  
 paste type, 59  
 proportions for cookies, 59  
 Foolproof Gravy, 170  
 Fresh Basil-Wrapped Cheese  
 Balls, 14  
 Fresh Mint Chocolate Chip  
 Cookies, 102–103  
 Fried rice, pork, 29  
 Frosting, Decorators', 190–191  
 Frosty Coffee Almond Pie,  
 160–161  
 Frozen Cranberry Margaritas, 33  
 Fruit pie filling  
 quick cobbler, 136  
 Quick Fruit Cobbler, 136  
 Fruit rolls  
 Ghosts on Broomsticks, 152  
 Scarecrow Cake, 142–143  
 Fruits  
 dippers for fondue, 206  
 garnishes for drinks, 219  
 Gingered Fruit Salsa with  
 Crispy Cinnamon  
 Chips, 15  
 Kabobs with Tropical Fruit  
 Coulis, 220–221  
*See also* Fruit Salad; specific  
 types of fruit  
 Fruit salad  
 Almond Dressing for, 239  
 honey lime, 118–119  
 poppy seed, 99–100  
 tropical, 239

## G

Garlic  
 grilled, focaccia with, 135  
 mashed potatoes, 57  
 Garlic bread  
 baked, 112  
 grilled with rosemary, 112–113  
 Gelatin, alcoholic-cubes, 218  
 Ghostly Shepherd's Pie, 140–141  
 Ghosts on Broomsticks, 152  
 Ginger Applesauce, 188  
 Gingered Fruit Salsa with Crispy  
 Cinnamon Chips, 15  
 Gingered Pineapple, 30

Glasses  
 frosting, 87  
 rimming with sugar/salt, 219  
 Glaze  
 almond, 190  
 cranberry-apple, 169  
 Glazed Roasted Turkey, 168–169  
 Goat cheese, Festive Cheese  
 Trio, 215  
 Golden Glow Candy Wreath,  
 200  
 Gorgonzola cheese, cheese balls,  
 basil-wrapped, 14  
 Grapes, Fruit Kabobs with  
 Tropical Fruit Coulis,  
 220–221  
 Gravies  
 lamb, 52  
 turkey, 170  
 Green beans  
 with browned butter, 56  
 shiitake mushrooms with,  
 174–175  
 Grilled Garlic Bread with  
 Rosemary, 112–113  
 Guacamole, quick, 76

## H

Ham, sweet and spicy rubbed,  
 198–199  
 Hanging Flower Vase, 114  
 Harvest Snack Mix, 148  
 Havarti cheese, fondue, double-  
 cheese, 12–13  
 Herb Dumplings, 34  
 Honey  
 -Carrots, 183  
 Hanukkah cookies, 190–191  
 Lime Fruit Salad, 118–119  
 Orange Dressing, 51  
 roasted sesame snack mix, 224  
 Horseradish  
 mashed potatoes, 57  
 sauce, 42  
 Hot chocolate, flavored additions  
 for, 216  
 Hot and Spicy Greens, 238  
 Hummus and Olive Tapenade  
 Spread, 132–133

## I

Ice cream, Frosty Coffee Almond  
 Pie, 160–161  
 Ice cubes, juice for, 219  
 Icing, royal, 20  
 Irish Soda Bread, 45

## J

Jicama, Tijuana Caesar Salad,  
 78–79  
 Juice ice cubes, 219

## K

Kabobs, fruit, with tropical fruit  
 coulis, 220–221  
 Kid's "Go Fish" Party Dishes, 129  
 Kiwifruit, Tropical Fruit Salad,  
 239

## L

Lamb  
 carving leg, 52  
 gravy, 52  
 minted leg of, 52–53  
 Lasagna, roasted vegetable, 213  
 Latkes, 187  
 Lemonade Tea, 134  
 Lemon Butter, 130  
 Lime, honey fruit salad, 118–119  
 Luscious Chocolate Truffles,  
 228–229

## M

Mandarin Chicken Salad, 96–97  
 Mandarin oranges  
 chicken salad with, 96–97  
 Strawberry Spinach Salad, 51  
 Mangoes  
 Gingered Fruit Salsa with  
 Crispy Cinnamon Chips, 15  
 Tropical Fruit Coulis, 220–221  
 Tropical Fruit Salad, 239  
 Margaritas, Frozen Cranberry  
 Margaritas, 33  
 Marinade, Mexican citrus, 80  
 Marinated Vegetables, 159  
 Marshmallows, Creamy Irish Pie,  
 46–47

Martinis  
 classic, 219  
 variations, 219  
 Mascarpone cheese  
 cheese-balls, basil-wrapped, *14*  
 substitute for, 14  
 Mashed potatoes  
 additions to basic, 57  
 best, 57  
 Ghostly Shepherd's Pie, *140–141*  
 Mason Jar Candle, *111*  
 Matza meal, Mocha Brownie Torte  
 with Strawberries, *67, 70*  
 Meats. *See* Beef; Chicken; Ham;  
 Lamb; Turkey  
 Metric measures, conversion  
 chart, 245  
 Mexican Confetti Eggs, 83  
 Mexican-style cheese, chili  
 empanaditas, *74–75*  
 Milk, Tres Leches Cake, 84  
 Milk Bath, 189  
 Mimosas, peachy, 87  
 Mint-chocolate chips, cookies,  
*102–103*  
 Minted Leg of Lamb, *52–53*  
 Mintinis, 219  
*Mkeke* (straw mat), *234*  
 Mocha Brownie Torte with  
 Strawberries, 70  
 Mom's Mini-Fame and Candy  
 Favor, 89  
 Monster Head Apples, *150–151*  
 Moroccan Chicken with Olives,  
*234–235*  
 Moss Heart, 38  
 Mozzarella cheese, Roasted  
 Vegetable Lasagna, 213  
 Mulled wine, 218  
 Mushrooms  
 Marinated Vegetables, *159*  
 Pork Fried Rice, 29  
 Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213  
 shiitake  
 with green beans, *174–175*  
 Stir-Fried Noodles with  
 Vegetables, 28  
 Mustard  
 Cider Vinaigrette, 202  
 Soy Dijon Vinaigrette, 139

**N**  
 Napa cabbage, Stir-Fried Noodles  
 with Vegetables, 28  
 Nature's Bounty Centerpiece,  
*240–241*  
 Noel Spritzer, *195*  
 Noodles. *See* Chinese noodles  
 Nutrition information, 246  
 Nuts  
 Roasted Sesame and Honey  
 Snack Mix, 224  
 toasting  
 pine nuts, 51  
 walnuts, 41  
*See also* Pecans

**O**  
 Okra, Shrimp Gumbo, 236  
 Olives  
 Christmas Tree Appetizers,  
*222–223*  
 hummus and tapenade spread,  
*132–133*  
 Moroccan chicken with,  
*234–235*  
 Tapenade, 230  
 Olive Tree Centerpiece, 65  
 Onion soup mix, Sour Cream  
 and Onion Burgers,  
*120–121*  
 Orange Honey Dressing, 51  
 Orange juice, cider, warm with  
 cinnamon, 146  
 Original Bisquick. *See* Bisquick  
 mix

**P**  
 Packets, Seafaring Packets,  
*130–131*  
 Papaya  
 Gingered Fruit Salsa with  
 Crispy Cinnamon Chips, *15*  
 Tropical Fruit Salad, 239  
 Parmesan cheese  
 pine tree breadsticks, *204–205*  
 Turkey Divan, 178  
 Pasta, Roasted Vegetable  
 Lasagna, 213

Pastry  
 best flaky, 176  
 Easy Doughnuts, 192  
 Peachy Mimosas, 87  
 Peanuttty Pear Salad, 139  
 Pears  
 -and Blue Cheese Salad, 202  
 peanuttty salad, 139  
 Peas, Seven-Layer Salad, 110  
 Pecan pie, chocolate, *176–177*  
 Pecans  
 Chinese-spiced, 225  
 Praline Topping, 180  
 savory, 225  
 Tex-Mex, 225  
 Peppers, bell, Roasted Vegetable  
 Lasagna, 213  
 Peppers, roasted  
 Christmas Tree Appetizers,  
*222–223*  
 Hummus and Olive Tapenade  
 Spread, *132–133*  
 Pesto Salmon Roulades, *11*  
 Personalized Place Cards, *158*  
 Pesto  
 potatoes stuffed with sun-dried  
 tomatoes and, 155  
 Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213  
 -Salmon Roulades, *11*  
 Picnic, Saturday Morning  
 Breakfast Picnic, *104*  
 Pie crust  
 Best Flaky Pastry, 176  
 chocolate pat-in-pan, *46–47*  
 Pies  
 adobe, 82  
 chocolate pecan, *176–177*  
 creamy Irish, *46–47*  
 frosty coffee almond, *160–161*  
 Pineapple  
 Fruit Kabobs with Tropical  
 Fruit Coulis, *220–221*  
 gingered, 30  
 Gingered Fruit Salsa with  
 Crispy Cinnamon  
 Chips, *15*  
 Poppy Seed Fruit Salad,  
*100–101*  
 Strawberry Santas, *226–227*

Pineapple preserves, Tropical Fruit Coulis, 220–221

Pine nuts  
substitutes for, 56  
toasted, 51

Pine Tree Parmesan Bread Sticks, 204–205

Pita bread, Hummus and Olive Tapenade Spread, 132–133

Poppy Seed Fruit Salad, 99–100

Pork Fried Rice, 29

Potatoes  
cheesy scalloped, 203  
Ghostly Shepherd's Pie, 140–141  
kugel puffs, 69  
Latkes, 187  
mashed, best, 57  
savory cheese, 107  
stuffed with pesto and sun-dried tomatoes, 155

Praline  
Pumpkin Date Bread, 180  
Topping, 180

Pretzels  
Ghosts on Broomsticks, 152  
ranch nibblers, 95  
Roasted Sesame and Honey Snack Mix, 224

Provolone cheese, Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213

Puff Pastry Wreath with Brie, 195–196

Pumpkin, bread, praline date, 180

## Q

Quick dishes  
fruit cobbler, 136  
guacamole, 76

## R

Rainbow Cookies, 210–211

Rainbow Dust, 210–211

Rainbow Egg Cookies, 58–59

Ranch Pretzel Nibblers, 95

Raspberries, Quick Fruit Cobbler, 136

Raspberry preserves, dark chocolate fondue, 12–13

Red snapper, stir-fried, 26–27

Relaxing Milk Bath, 189

Rice, fried, pork, 29

Roasted Sesame and Honey Snack Mix, 224

Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, 213

Robin's Eggs in Nest Centerpiece, 54–55

Roulades, pesto salmon, 11

Rudolph cupcakes, 208

Rum, Tres Leches Cake, 84

## S

Salad dressings  
Cider Vinaigrette, 202  
orange honey, 51  
Soy Dijon Vinaigrette, 139

Salads  
beet with toasted walnuts, 41  
chicken. *See* Chicken salad  
fruit. *See* Fruit salad  
peanutty pear, 139  
pear and blue cheese, 202  
seven-layer, 110  
strawberry spinach, 51  
Tijuana Caesar, 78–79

Salmon with Mint Sauce, 184–185

Salmon, smoked  
and egg wraps, 88  
roulades, with pesto, 11

Salsa, gingered fruit, with crispy cinnamon chips, 15

Salt, rimming glasses, 219

Sandwiches, Avocado-Turkey Panini, 179

Sangria, white, 73

Saturday Morning Breakfast Picnic, 104

Sauces  
horseradish, 42  
mint, 184

Savory Cheese Potatoes, 107

Savory Pecans, 225

Scalloped potatoes, cheesy, 203

Scallops, Seafaring Packets, 130–131

Scarecrow Cake, 142–143

Seafaring Packets, 130–131

Seafood. *See* Fish and seafood

Sealed-with-a-Kiss Cards, 35

Seven-Layer Salad, 110

Shepherd's pie, ghostly, 140–141

Shiitake mushrooms  
with green beans, 174–175

Stir-Fried Noodles with Vegetables, 28

Shrimp  
adding to salad, 78  
cocktail, bloody Mary, 164–165  
-Gumbo, 236  
Seafaring Packets, 130–131

Skewered foods, Fruit Kabobs with Tropical Fruit Coulis, 220–221

Slow Cooker Sweet Potatoes, 172

Smoked Salmon and Egg Wraps, 88

Snacks  
Chinese-Spiced Pecans, 225  
harvest mix, 148  
Ranch Pretzel Nibblers, 95  
roasted sesame and honey mix, 224  
Savory Pecans, 225

Sour Cream and Onion Burgers, 120–121

Soy Dijon Vinaigrette, 139

Sparkling Place Cards, 201

Spicy Chicken Wings, 24–25

Spicy Grilled Corn, 122

Spinach  
crab and artichoke dip, baked, 214  
Hot and Spicy Greens, 238  
salad, with strawberries, 51

Spooky Doorknob Decorations, 145

Spooky Spider Cookies, 149

Spritzers, wine, 195, 218

Squash, Hubbard, and yams, African, 237

Starfruit, Fruit Kabobs with Tropical Fruit Coulis, 220–221

Stews, Burgundy Stew with Herb Dumplings, 34

Stir-fry  
Noodles with Vegetables, 28  
Red Snapper, 26–27

Strawberries  
Flag Cake, 124–125  
mocha brownie torte with, 67, 70  
Poppy Seed Fruit Salad, 100–101  
Quick Fruit Cobbler, 136  
Santas, 226–227  
-Spinach Salad, 51  
Streusel Topping, 90  
Stuffing  
cranberry, 171  
turkey, technique for, 167  
Sugar  
colored topping for cookies,  
210–211  
rimming glasses, 219  
Sun-dried tomatoes, potatoes  
stuffed with pesto and, 155  
Sweet potatoes  
-Cake, 244  
compared to yams, 172  
slow cooker, 172  
and squash, African, 237  
for tzimmes, 68  
Sweet and Spicy Rubbed Ham,  
198–199

## T

Tapenade  
and hummus spread, 132–133  
Olive, 230  
Tarts, cranberry chicken salad,  
16–17  
Tea, lemonade, 134  
Teacup Candle, 92  
Tequinis, 219  
Tex-Mex Pecans, 225  
Three-Bean Bacon Medley, 123  
Tijuana Caesar Salad, 78–79  
Tomatoes  
Marinated Vegetables, 159  
Seafaring Packets, 130–131  
Shrimp Gumbo, 236

Tomatoes, sun-dried, potatoes  
stuffed with pesto and,  
155  
Toppings  
praline, 180  
streusel, 90  
Torte, mocha brownie with  
strawberries, 67, 70  
Tortilla shells  
Christmas Tree Appetizers,  
222–223  
Crispy Cinnamon Chips, 15  
as servers, 77  
Smoked Salmon and Egg  
Wraps, 88  
Tijuana Caesar Salad, 78–79  
Tres Leches Cake, 84  
Tropical Fruit Salad, 239  
Truffles  
cinnamon, 18–19  
luscious chocolate, 228–229  
make-ahead, 18, 228  
Turkey  
-avocado panini, 179  
breast, best brined, 156–157  
Divan, 178  
Foolproof Gravy, 170  
frozen, thawing, 167  
glazed roasted, 168–169  
help-lines, 166  
leftovers, 178–179  
roasting timetable, 167  
stuffing, 167  
Tzimmes, carrot, 68

## V

Vanilla, drizzle for cake, 90  
Vanilla chips, Ghosts on  
Broomsticks, 152  
Vanilla frosting, Monster Head  
Apples, 150–151

Vegetables (mixed)  
Ghostly Shepherd's Pie, 140–141  
marinated, 159  
roasted, for lasagna, 213  
stir-fried noodles with, 28  
*See also* specific types of  
vegetables  
Vinaigrette  
cider, 202  
soy dijon, 139  
Vinegar, balsamic, 41  
Vodka Martinis, 219

## W

Walnuts, toasted, 41  
Warm Cinnamon Orange Cider,  
146  
Watermelon  
Fruit Kabobs with Tropical Fruit  
Coulis, 220–221  
Honey Lime Fruit Salad,  
118–119  
Poppy Seed Fruit Salad, 100–101  
Whipped cream  
flavoring for hot beverages, 217  
rum-flavored, 84  
White Sangria, 73  
Wine  
coolers, 218  
mulled, 218  
Peachy Mimosas, 87  
spritzers, 195, 218  
White Sangria, 73

## Y

Yams  
compared to sweet potatoes, 172  
and squash, African, 237

## Z

Zucchini, Roasted Vegetable  
Lasagna, 213