# It's just as easy as using packaged mixes

You also will find many recipes that, using some of the tips below, can be made simple.

#### TIPS

• Read the recipe through before you start, and simplify the steps. Many cake recipes require that dry and moist ingredients be added alternately. If you are using an electric mixer, that isn't necessary, Just duffp all ingredients in together and let'the mixer do the work.

Do things in a logical order;
 any recipes are not arranged that

Il you need melted chocolate, that may appear in a recipe as a third or fourth step. If you rearrange the order, you can melt the chocolate while getting started with the rest of the recipe. Then the chocolate will be ready when you need it.

• Think of time and dish-saving

methods.

There's no reason why you should
mix the floor, salt and leavening in a
separate bowl you will have to wash
later. Just add the separate ingredlents when it would have been time
to add the mixture.

• Don't be afraid to vary the ingredients used; decrease the amount of sugar, salt and/or fat; use

Once you have found simple re-cipes, adapted some of them so they

## Too Chez remains on top

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with its delicious and extremely light raspberry/cranberry torte. A perfect ending to an adventuresome meal.

WE REALLY enjoyed the atmosphere at Too Chez. With the kitchen and bar areas opening Into the dining room, the restaurant feels like one big happy place. That may be due in large part to the wait staff, which is among the best and most efficient we have seen.

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For those who haven't been to Too Chez, we recommend resolving to get there in 1991. Expect a busy, somewhat noisy atmosphere—great for almost any, except perhaps the most salemn, occasion. Treat yourself to the adventure.

Details: Too Chez, 27000 E. Sheraton Drive, just off the Novi Road exit from I-96, Novi. 348-

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expense.
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\* Average (lots of places with similar quality \* & Good \* \* \* \* Very good \* \* \* \* Excellent \* \* \* Consistently superb — a rare bonor.

#### clarification

The recipe for the McCarthys' Chocolate Angel Pie, with the story on Judy and J.P. McCarthy in Taste on Dec. 31, should have lineluded among the list of ingredients the following: I teaspoon vanilla.

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instead of nuts.

As these experiments produce great results (most of the time), your-confidence will grow.

In no time at all you will be moving on to more difficult recipes, tacking Julia Child or Craig Claiborne, or even creating your own concections. Can the Pillsbury Bake-Off be far behind?

The recipes below give ranges for the amounts of some ingredients. If you want to cut down on the fat or sugar content, use the smaller

amount.
Nothing is better on a cold winter morning than hot pancakes with the tang of blueberries and the sweet-ness of Michigan maple syrup.

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES
1 13 cup flour (whole wheat, un-bleached white, rye, buckwheat)
2 tablespoons oil
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon sugar, optional
3 tablespoons baking powder
14 teaspoon salt, optional

1 egg 1 cup blueberries

Combine flour, sugar, baking pow-der and salt; add oil, milk and egg; mix until smooth, then stir in blue-berries. Bake on preheated griddle until tops bubble; turn and bake until done. Makes about 6 small pancakes

When you are in need of a chocolate "fix," these chewy brownies fill the need in no time at all.

24 to 1 cop sugar.
25 cegs
35 cup flour
45 cup topped nuts, optional
45 cup butter or margarine
1 tenspoon vanilla
45 tenspoon baking powder
44 tenspoon salt, optional

In a medium saucepan over low

heat, melt ehocolate and butter; re-nove from heat. Add sugar and va-nilla to the checolate mixture in the saucepan, mix well. Add eggs and air until smooth; then add flour, butter production of the checolate part and bake in a 350-degree oven for about 25 minutes, or until in pan and bake in a 350-degree oven for about 25 minutes, or until the pan comes out clean; don't over-bake.

This dessert is really just sweeten-ed fruit and biscuits, but it looks and tastes like a lot more.

BERRY COBBLER
2 12 cup berries (blackberries, blue-berries, raspberries)
3 tablespoons butter or margarine,

neited
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
4 cup milk
2 teaspoons temon juice
14 to 3, cup sugar
14 teaspoon salt, optional

Topping
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 to 3/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup boiling water
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place fruit in a deep-dish 10-Inch pie pan; sprinkle with lemon Julee. In medium, ovensafe bowl, melt butter in preheating oven. Add flour, sugar, baking powder and salt, then sitr in milk until smooth; spoon over berries. In the same bowl, mix together cornstarch, sugar and salt; sprinkle over-thatter. Pour boiling water over -all. Bake at 350 for about 1 hour. Serves 6.

This is a moist, spicy cake that is easy to make but special enough for company.

OATMEAL CAKE
1 % cups boiling water
2 cup raisins
1 cup quick-cooking oats
3 to % cup butter or margarine

Put oats, raisins and butter or margarine in medium bowl; add boiling water. Let stand for about 20 minutes. Then add:

24 to I cup white sugar

24 to 1 cup white sage.
2 eggs
1 '2 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
34 to 1 cup brown sugar
15 teaspoon salt, optional
1 teaspoon baking soda
15 teaspoon baking powder

Stir together until smooth; pour into a 13-inch-by-9-inch pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes.

While cake is baking, combine in a saucepan:

Cook together over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until butter is melted. When cake is done, spread topping over cake while it is still hot and broil until frosting is brown (about 3 minutes).

OK, this dessert is not a health food. But it's a festive, dinner party dessert that you can whip up in no time the day before the party.

GRASSHOPPER PIE

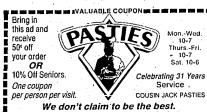
3 tublespoons butter 20 creme-filled chocolate cookies, crushed (about 1 % cups crumbs)

Melt butter in 10-inch-deep dish gläss pie pan in the microwave. Add crumbs and combine. Firmly pat on bottom and up sides of pie pan.

beavy cream tablespoons green creme de

menthe 1 can sweetened condensed milk 2 tablespoons white creme de cacao

In medium mixing bowl, whip cream until stiff. On low speed, fold in rest of ingredients. Pour into crust; cover. Freeze for at least 4-5 hours before serving.



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