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# Barefoot Contessa Family Style: Easy Ideas And Recipes That Make Everyone Feel Like Family



## Synopsis

Ina Garten, who shared her gift for casual entertaining in the bestselling *Barefoot Contessa Cookbook* and *Barefoot Contessa Parties!*, is back with her most enticing recipes yet—a collection of her favorite dishes for everyday cooking. In *Barefoot Contessa Family Style*, Ina explains that sharing our lives and tables with those we love is too essential to be saved just for special occasions—and it's easy to do if you know how to cook irresistible meals with a minimum of fuss. For Ina, the best way to make guests feel at home is to serve them food that's as unpretentious as it is delicious. So in her new book, she's collected the recipes that please her friends and family most—dishes like East Hampton Clam Chowder, Parmesan Roasted Asparagus, and Linguine with Shrimp Scampi. It's the kind of fresh, accessible food that's meant to be passed around the table in big bowls or platters and enjoyed with warm conversation and laughter. In Ina's hands tried-and-true dishes are even more delicious than you remember them: Her arugula salad is bright with the flavors of lemon and Parmesan, the Oven-Fried Chicken is crispy without excess fat, and her Deep-Dish Apple Pie has the perfect balance of fruit and spice. *Barefoot Contessa Family Style* also includes enticing recipes that are memorable and distinctive, like Lobster Cobb Salad, Tequila Lime Chicken, and Saffron Risotto with Butternut Squash. With vivid photographs of Ina cooking and serving food in her beautiful Hamptons home, as well as menu suggestions, practical wisdom on what to do when disaster strikes in the kitchen, and tips on creating an inviting ambience with music, *Barefoot Contessa Family Style* is the must-have guide to the joy of everyday entertaining.

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## Customer Reviews

This second book follows the same basic premise as Garten's phenomenally popular Barefoot Contessa Cookbook: simple, elegant home cooking with good ingredients and a minimum of fuss. It takes a certain amount of chutzpah to include ordinary chicken noodle soup and mashed potatoes and gravy in a cookbook, but Garten pulls it off with heart and style. Dinners are conceived as crowd-pleasers, with a big nod to Italian home-cooking: oven-fried chicken, penne with five cheeses, Sunday rib roast, risotto, lasagna. Like other cookbooks with a specialty-shop pedigree (such as Silver Palate), Garten's book is inflected with a certain catering mentality-a lot of salmon, sun-dried tomatoes, the inevitable Curry Chicken Salad, the forgiving and easy Chicken with Tabbouleh. However, these recipes manage to seem not dated but just reasonable solutions to the eternal problem set of practicality, flavor and time. With photographs of the dishes on nearly every spread and a nice, open format, Garten's book is easy to use. Sections on desserts, kids, and brunch complete this fine snapshot of real-life cooking and the joys of eating in. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Garten's first two books featuring recipes from the Barefoot Contessa, her gourmet takeout shop in East Hampton, NY, have sold more than 400,000 copies. Her latest repeats the appealing format of those titles, offering sophisticated but easy recipes and an attractive design featuring dozens of color photographs, mostly closeups of the recipes but including some casual shots of the author, friends, and family. Garten's "family style" cooking includes dishes like Chicken Noodle Soup and Parker's Fish & Chips (separate chapters are devoted to breakfast and kids' foods), but there are also elegant dishes like Tuna Tartare, Saffron Risotto, and Lobster Cobb Salad, not exactly everyday fare. Sure to be popular. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Good basic recipes with straightforward instructions. I love Ina; she's so down to earth and unpretentious. And so are her recipes. These are good food for the family.

This is one of my favorite Barefoot Contessa cookbooks. I love her food-- simple ingredients, delicious food, elegant presentation and all with a minimum of fuss. I love that all her cookbooks are a reasonable size, I can actually use them in the kitchen! And I love that every recipe has a picture. I turn to Family Style whenever I am having company. It is so easy to put together my menu from this cookbook-- I have even been inspired by her table settings. In this book, I think the Dinners and Vegetables are the standout sections. In Dinners, don't miss the Herb-Roasted Lamb or the Penne

with Five Cheeses. In Vegetables, be sure to make Mashed Yellow Turnips (a welcome change from mashed potatoes), Garlic Sauteed Spinach, and the Rosemary Polenta. I can't even count the number of times I have made the Spinach, I even make it for myself when I am home alone, it is so easy and good.

I love all of Ina's books and her recipes are very easy to follow. I enjoy cooking and my boyfriend has liked everything I've made from this book. I plan on getting all of her books one day!

I love this cookbook. So many great recipes. Highly recommend.

Love it. Lots of great recipes.

Yes, Yes Yes!

Always like Ina. Every time I watch her show, I pick up a trick; whether it be of cooking or hosting a dinner. "Family Style" is really the right word for this cook book. If you wants "warm" friendly recipes that you can serve to the mass, try this book out.

The New England Clam Chowder Soup was very good.

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