

# 12,167 Kitchen and Cooking Secrets

## Wine Bottle Rolling Pins

For a small job, a large wine bottle will double as a rolling pin. Fill it with ice water.

## Sharp Knives

Does your knife need sharpening? Slash the edge of a sheet of paper. A dull knife will tear the paper. A sharp one will cut cleanly.

## Pizza Doctor

*The crust is chewy.* You made the dough too sticky. Next time, add a bit more flour or use less water.

## Pest Control

You can catch more fruit flies with cider vinegar than with honey. Put it in a jar with a tiny hole poked in the lid.

## Factoid

Our taste buds perform at maximum efficiency with foods in the 72°F to 105°F (22°C to 41°C) range.

## Golden Rule

Never use a food processor or hand blender to make mashed potatoes unless you enjoy eating glue.

## everyday tips, hints, techniques and more

By reading this compendium of kitchen wisdom, you can learn how to make it easier, faster, cheaper, prettier and better. There are literally thousands of tips, hints, observations and techniques just waiting to be discovered and shared. Whether you're just browsing through its pages or seeking an answer to a kitchen conundrum, you're sure to treasure this book.

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