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# Dishing Out Holiday Dishes: Where to Draw the Line with Holiday and Specialty Cooking



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I am currently writing this article after spending 4 hours making an authentic version of an Easter soup from my mom's side of the family. Was it worth it? Absolutely! Will it always be worth it? No. There are different tasks in my life that have differing levels of priority, and there are several factors of cooking specialty foods that should be considered before investing time and effort into making them. This article points out some of the key factors to consider before making specialty foods of your own. Enjoy!



## What Do You Have Time For?

While this seems like this should go last, the time you can afford to put into cooking really is the first, foremost, and overall most important factor. If you have multiple different tasks to do on a day you want to cook a huge dish, you should consider which tasks are most crucial to get done before you add cooking to the list. Besides, no one's saying you can't make the dish a day late!

## Cooking is a Personalized Skill: What Do You Know?

A testament to this concept is how varied I could expect the readers of this article to be in their experience with cooking. Everyone cooks differently, with varying levels of experience. If you know how to cook your ideal dish in a tasty and timely manner, you will probably have an easier time squeezing it into your schedule as opposed to someone who takes longer to cook. Whatever feels like the right decision for you, based on your cooking experience, is a great way to make a more educated choice on what and when you should cook.



## What Family Recipes are You Working With?

If you don't have any family recipes that you cook with, you can skip this section; although I would advise that if your family has any recipes you like, to go and ask them. They aren't going to be around forever. (and how do you think they learned the recipes?) When it comes to family dishes, try to remember how long it took your family to make the recipe if it doesn't specifically say. Think about the recipe itself too; a decades old dish with a huge preparation time and a bunch of hard-to-find ingredients is going to be more time consuming, and a lot bigger of a chore, than one for 30 minute no-bake Christmas cookies.

## Can You Get the Dish in an Easier Way?

While I don't encourage always spending money to get a quick and cheap version of a dish, there are times where it makes sense. For my birthday, I usually like carrot cake. However, I find it easier in this instance to go out and buy one, than to spend the time making one (especially because it's for me). No one is placing an expectation on me to deliver a home-cooked dish for a big holiday. Whenever you can choose a simpler solution, it's often for the best; and sometimes this can be no different regarding holiday dishes.



## Are You Cooking for the Food or the Principle?

This is one of those few times where the basic aspects of a task are more essential than the principles. Cooking a dish for the holidays or a tradition is important, but not enough to override things like your sleep schedule, and other tasks you have to do such as homework. Will you eat it? Do you want to eat it? Will having this food be worth it? If you can answer "yes" to questions like these, then by all means, enjoy your holiday and enjoy your food; especially since you worked hard to make it!



# Printing Guns

By: Paul Gluck

**The Spanish Canary Island of Tenerife** may be known as a popular vacation destination, but in September of 2020, it became the location of a high-scale raid by Spanish Police. A raid targeting a factory on the island; ending with Spanish Police finding 19 3D-printed handgun frames, nine magazines, two silencers, and numerous weapon parts. Yes, that's right. **Printed guns.**

**A replica of an Airsoft AR-15 assault rifle**, as well as two tasers, five knives, a machete, and a katana were also found. The factory was 3D printing these gun barrels and rifles at an astonishing rate, with Spanish Police saying the factory contained working 3D-printing equipment capable of producing gun barrels in only two minutes.

Also inside the factory were manuals on terrorism, urban guerilla warfare, and how to make explosives at home using a 3D printer; as well as white supremacist literature and a pistol holster with a Swastika printed on it.

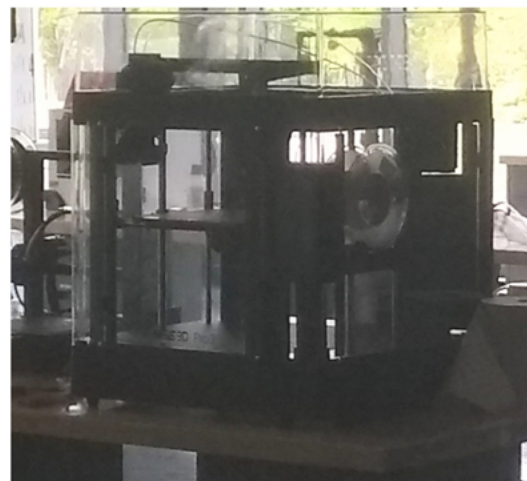


Photo: 3d Printer at Donovan Hall

This is the first such "3D printing weapons factory" in Spain, however this is not the instance of 3D weapons being a real threat in the world. With the Biden administration seeking to tighten gun legislation, they are also reportedly trying to act on 3D printed guns.

**A man in Japan has also recently been sentenced to 2 years in jail** after making 2 3D printed guns with lethal power. His 2 plastic revolvers were capable of successfully firing .38 caliber slugs. A total of 1.42 million units of 3D printers were sold in 2018, with that number projected to reach 8 million by 2027.

And so, Pandora's box has opened.

Design by: Michal Khrapunov

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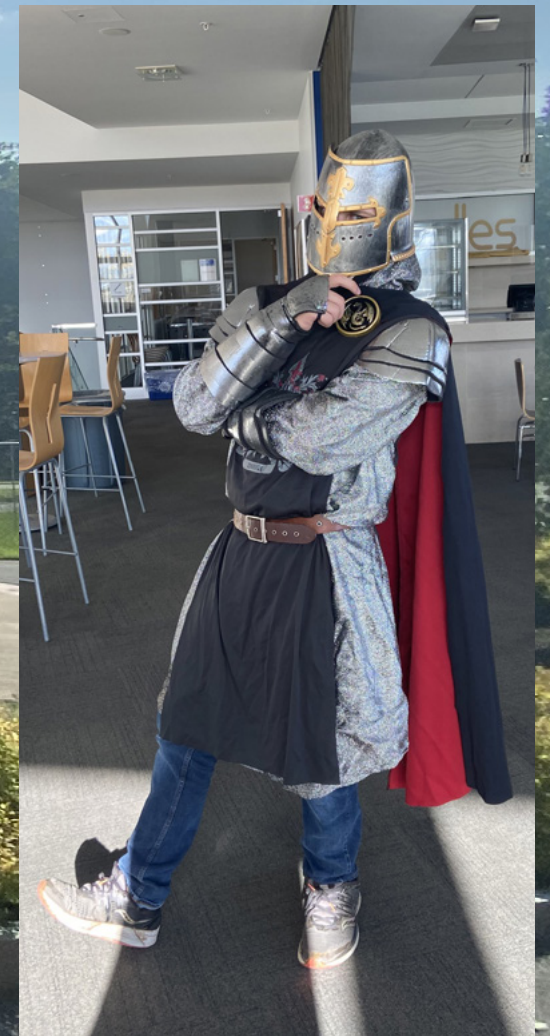
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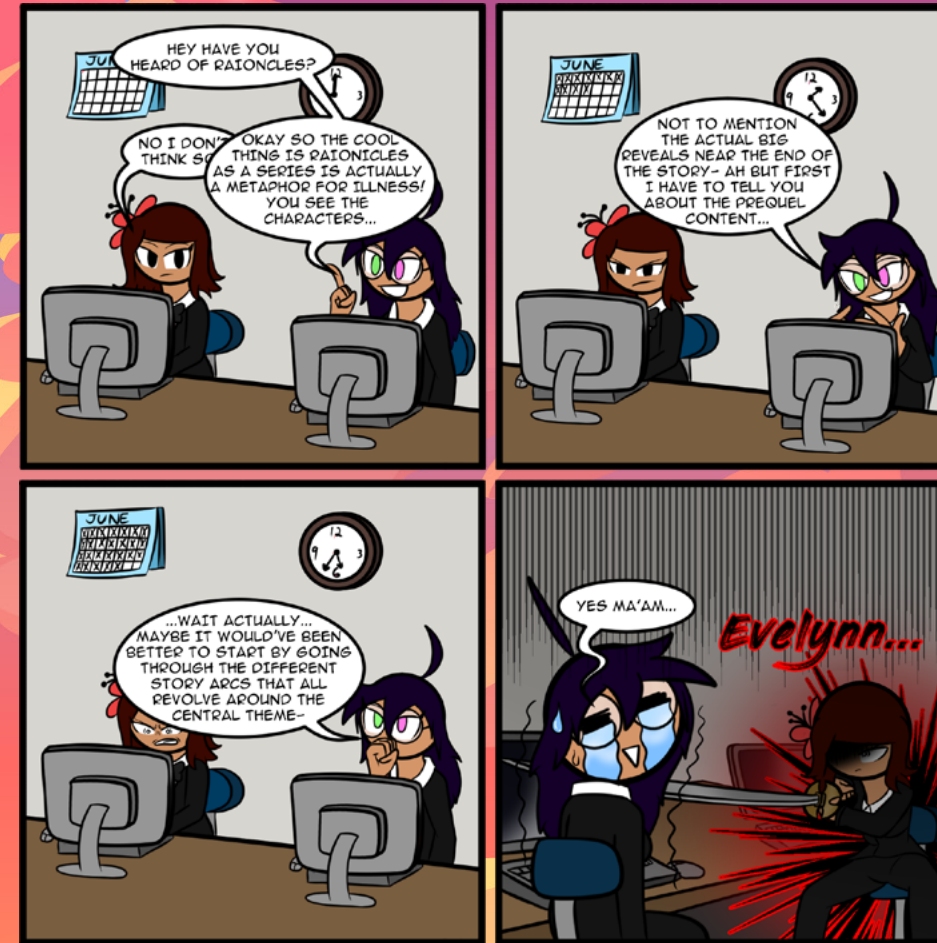
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# FALL POETRY

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## Acrostic Poem #1:

Halloween is right around the corner  
Anxious to see the Reed's famous haunted house  
Uniting hand in hand with your friends  
Nearing the entrance of the house  
Terrified of what is waiting for us inside  
Entering with all senses on high alert  
Doubting that you will make it out without screaming  
Hearing a chainsaw right behind us  
Obliterating the nearest piece of glass with our screams  
Uttering pleas for help  
Seeing the exit right ahead  
Entering a full sprint to make it out alive

## Acrostic Poem #2: Nature's Pillow

Hopping onto a bright red tractor  
Arguing with your friend over whose pumpkin is bigger  
Yearning for a hot cup of hot chocolate  
Running to the nearest hay bale  
Interested in purchasing one to replace your old pillow at home  
Dozing off as the tractor begins moving  
Entering a sound sleep

**Haiku #1: The Spice of Life  
Heading to Dunkin'  
For a warm refreshing treat  
That tastes like pumpkins**

**Haiku #2: Splish Splash  
Seeing the rainfall  
Grabbing a yellow raincoat  
To splash in the street**

**Haiku #3: Lost in the Corn  
Surrounded by corn  
Oh no! Another dead end  
Try another way**

**Haiku #4: Carving the Night Away  
Sketching a pattern  
Cut out the eyes, nose, and mouth  
Lights up the driveway**

**Haiku #5: The Vivid View  
Waking up early  
To climb the nearest mountain  
Enjoying the view**

**Haiku #6: Bundled Up  
Lounging on the couch  
Four blankets to keep you warm  
Turn on the TV**

## Dear Twenty-Second Century,

I don't know where to begin. I don't know whether I should embrace you with open arms or be cautious. I've grown up in your predecessor, a time that showed me peace, war, fear, illness, progress, rebellion, togetherness, and divide. I am hopeful for what you can bring but am also skeptical and cynical. I would hope that in leading us into the future, you can promise safety, health, and love. I know these are things that I shouldn't expect, especially as you come into being on the cusp of a pandemic, civil unrest, and environmental disasters. However, I think that there's a lot to bring as you come to power in a few years. I ask that you keep this in mind while you prepare for the upcoming few years.

Let me be clear, I'm certainly not one of those people who believe in the arbitrary new year that is supposed to be so different from the day before; the almighty turning point of the year. However, I am interested in the future and how we can move forward. How different will our world be in the following years to come? Will wearing masks be the new norm? How will you deal with the tension shaping society that is trying to balance stability and order and the protection of individuals? What will be necessary for the people under which you govern to be successful? What will persist, and what will drift into the past as a distant memory?

While I am hesitant of you, I do believe that you have something to bring to us. I think you can bring lessons learned from the last twenty years and from the time that remains between this current administration and when you take over. I believe you bring us hope and the image of a better and brighter future. Please understand that I'm immensely grateful to have grown up in a time in which I did. However, it's not unreasonable to think that we can do better as a society in all aspects of life. We can be kinder people that are more understanding and be better thinkers and problem solvers. We can strive and work towards making the world a better place for everyone. At the beginning of your reign, I will be well on my way into adulthood. When you come into power, I'll be almost twenty-three (gosh that makes me feel old). I think about how you can contribute to my future as I join the real world in joining the workforce, finishing school, and beginning building my life. Understandably, this is a substantial task and responsibility; trying to make everyone happy. The changes I ask that you make for the betterment of society may be small at first but at least it's a start and it's not going to make everyone happy but you'll know what the right thing to do is and when (or so I hope).

What does this look like in the application? I'm not sure. Perhaps, the change looks like a woman not being afraid to walk by herself on a city street, a Muslim individual not being stereotyped and actually getting the job, or maybe it's just the prevalence of the understanding that we in this country are all equal. The problems are tremendous, and the solutions are dire if we wish to progress. Lastly, I ask that you think about these things as you prepare. In the meantime, I will do my best to do the same. I want to be a valuable player moving into the twenty-second century that can help you and the world achieve our goals. I look forward to seeing what you can do. Good luck and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Isabella Carr Perri





# 5 Things You Never Knew About the Spring Equinox

Edited from Sunny Sea Gold    Designed by Bobby Zuch

**F**all is my favorite season. But as it comes to a close, I figured I would talk about another season just like it. You may have heard that the spring equinox is the official first day of spring, and it's true that this auspicious event traditionally marked the start of spring for many different cultures, as well as the start of the new year in ancient Indian and Persian calendars. Even today, the spring, or "vernal" equinox is often used to indicate the first day of spring, but what it really signifies is the astronomical start of spring, as opposed to the meteorological one. Meteorological seasons are grouped by months, based on weather and temperature shifts, and meteorologists and climatologists agree that the first real day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere should be March 1st.

So what is the spring equinox? An equinox is the moment in time and space when the sun is positioned directly above the Earth's equator, which happens just twice a year on the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. In March (usually the 20th or 21st), the sun crosses the equator from south to north, bringing warmth and light back to the Northern Hemisphere, and plunging the Southern Hemisphere into its fall and winter darkness. In September (around the 22nd or 23rd), the sun crosses back from south to north, heralding the start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere, and the start of spring in the Southern one.

The word "equinox" comes from the Latin for "equal" and "night," because as the sun crosses the equator (Earth's midline point) the hours of daylight and nighttime are very nearly equal. The equinoxes are the only time when the sun rises directly due East and sets directly due West for everyone on Earth.

So now for the five things you may not have known about the Spring Equinox...

## 1. AN ANCIENT SERPENT GOD

In the ruins of the Maya city Chichén Itzá, in Mexico, crowds gather at the ancient El Castillo pyramid every spring and fall equinox to witness an equinox celebration that dates back to the construction of the pyramid around A.D. 1000. The Maya were skilled astronomers, and the pyramid is dedicated to the feathered serpent god, Quetzalcoatl. The Maya were skilled astronomers, and the pyramid is dedicated to the feathered serpent god, Quetzalcoatl. At sunset on the equinoxes, the angle of the sun creates shadows that look like a giant snake. The light-and-shadow snake appears to slither down the pyramid steps until it merges with the huge sculpted serpent's head at the bottom.

## 2. A FULL "WORM MOON"

We all know that spring is a time of renewal and new growth. From the first crocuses and snowdrops emerging to the daffodils and tulips, the new season is what the spring equinox is all about. March showers may bring April flowers, but they also bring worms up and out of the soil. Earthworms typically spend the winter buried deep below the frost line, but the annual spring showers reduce the oxygen in the soil and cause them to burrow their way up to the surface. That's why the first full moon in the month of March is known as the Worm Moon.

## 3. POISONED WATERS

In ancient Judaic mythology, there's a claim that the water in springs and rivers becomes unsafe to drink during the vernal and autumnal equinoxes (and the winter and summer solstices too), reports the Times of Israel. The solstices and equinoxes were considered spiritually vulnerable moments when warring supernatural powers might release cosmic poisons into the water.

## 4. MYSTERIOUS RIVER WAVES

Waves large and powerful enough to surf on typically only occur in oceans or massive lakes. But during extreme tides—usually after a new or full moon—waves known as "tidal bores" can pop up in rivers. The biggest and most surfable tidal bores take place during the spring and autumn equinoxes. One notable example occurs in a river estuary near Gloucestershire, England. Called the Severn Bore, the wave rolls through every morning for two or three days around the equinox, and surfers from around the world gather to ride it.

## 5. THE PERSIAN NEW YEAR

The Persian New Year celebration known as Nowruz kicks off at the vernal equinox and lasts for 13 days. The night of the equinox, Iranian families gather for a holiday meal and count down to the first stroke of their new year with a cheer of "Eide Shoma Mobarak," or "Happy New Year!". The holiday table, called the haft seen, is decorated with seven ceremonial items: An apple representing beauty, vinegar for patience, hyacinth for spring, a sweet pudding for fertility, sprouts representing rebirth, and coins for prosperity.

By: Isabella Carr Perri

# CATS: HOW I'VE LEARNED FROM ONE

We have all heard the cliché that it takes a village to raise a child. Most times, when this statement is said, the object in question was of human origin. However, this statement is true among cat owners. Dog connoisseurs will tell you that they dislike cats because they are not affectionate, fun and tend to have more of an independent nature about them than their beloved canine friends. My response to these critics is: you have not met Marlowe. Some of the instances I will share with you may seem unbelievable or worthy of judgment, but I promise you they are all true. Some of the behavior I explain initially may seem like normative cat behavior, but I think you will see how Marlowe's behavior is far from being normal.

## *Biography:*

He's red, he's fluffy and mischievous. You cannot ignore how intelligent, innovative, and determined he is. His hobbies include hanging out on the cat tree, doing his hair, and getting his beauty rest. When he is not busy, he works in special ops to infiltrate and dismantle the canine unit.

Do not be fooled by his charm. Behind those beautiful eyes is a wild streak that will steal your heart and all your pens. As much as he loves being admired by onlookers, he enjoys getting in trouble more. If you love mice, then he's your guy! He likes his mice like BonJovi, dead or alive. Meet Marlowe.

## *Instances in action:*

Once Marlowe got settled in our home, we soon realized that Marlowe was a cat of high taste. He would always go after our glasses of water on the counter when he was thirsty. It was not some random coincidence but instead was fueled by a specific purpose. After making some observations based on his behavior, we realized that Marlowe refused to drink out of the water bowl once the dogs drank out of it. Long story short, Marlowe ended up getting his own special glass of water, perfectly filled to the top, that sits in the middle of the countertop, high away from the dogs. Before you begin to judge me for spoiling my cat, I thought about what I would do if one of my brothers took my drink away from me (while I was drinking it) and began to slurp it down. I certainly would not want that back! They could gladly keep it, especially after putting their faces into it. Understanding where my cat was coming from, I made his dreams come true, and now every morning, Marlowe expects his glass filled to the top with fresh cold water, or else he threatens to knock it over. I thought this preference was remarkable as I started to recognize how my cat was acting like a human.

## *Antics:*

Unlike the other cats in the house, Marlowe is extremely curious. He learns by watching and looks to mimic behavior. I realized this after I saw him trying to open up his treats. Our family decided to place them in an old sauce jar with a screw-on top. While Marlowe at that time was unable to open the jar, he situated his furry little paw on the top and began to move it in circular motions in a clockwise direction in an attempt to open it. It was one of the first instances that left me intrigued, and it was not the last. It was not long before he figured out how to open up the kitchen cabinets. Each night, Marlowe would begin his adventure systematically opening up all the cabinets, removing all of the towels, and dispersing them all over the floor. Some nights he would get creative and chew holes in all of our Ziploc bags. We were not aware of this behavior until my grandmother attempted to put some eggs in one of these plastic bags.



### *Operation Marlowe:*

Our family has struggled to balance the interests of our family and the interests of our cat. While we were astonished by Marlowe's capabilities, we wanted to have some order in our home. My aunt tried to get the upper hand and strategically deal with Marlowe in a productive way. She proceeded to put child locks on all the cabinets. If it could stop a curious toddler, it could surely stop Marlowe. Right? Wrong. Not only did he figure out how to open the cabinets and get through the child locks on some of the more challenging cabinets, but he also ended up breaking the child locks altogether. We all had different approaches to dealing with the situation, but they all somehow resulted in him winning. Our reactions to his behavior seemed to magnify the problem. He seems to find happiness in our frustration. No matter what we did we could not contain him. Operation Marlowe was a lost cause.

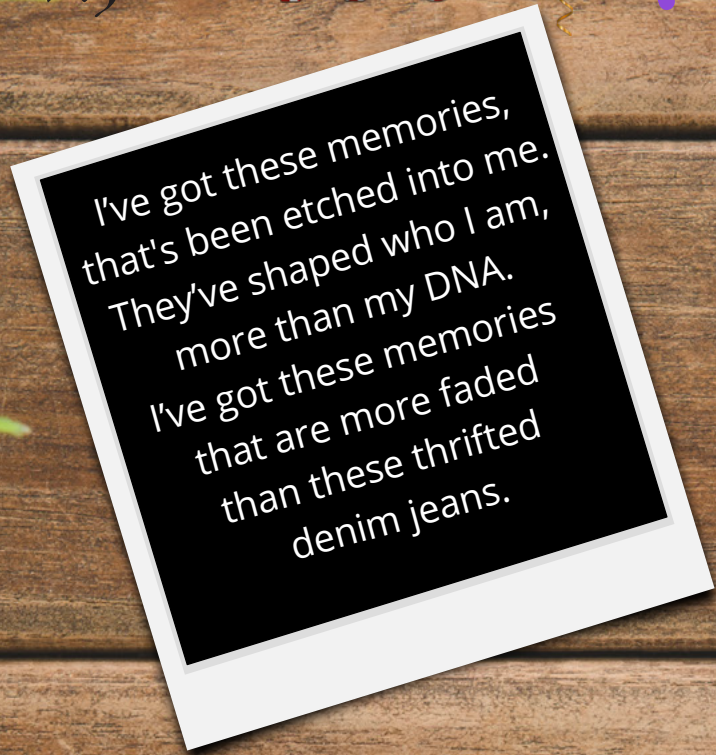
### *Takeaway:*

Although I have lost more battles than I have won, Marlowe has taught me a lot. While these stories are funny, they truly did teach me how miraculous animal life is. Do not get me wrong, even though his antics and behavior have made me frustrated and annoyed countless times I would not ask for different experiences. Having both observed and dealt with his antics has allowed me to view animals differently. Marlowe reminds me that animals are intelligent, curious, have unique personalities, and have feelings. In my case, these factors have allowed me to better interact with animals, especially with Marlowe. Marlowe has since become my son and one of the things my world revolves around. I guess it's fair to say I see him as my human counterpart. While not everyone may agree with some of my decisions, the takeaway is that perhaps we have a lot to learn from our furry friends. Our animals can help shape the way we see the world and remind us to hide our belongings and sleep with one eye open.

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# MEMORIES



I've got these memories,  
that's been etched into me.  
They've shaped who I am,  
more than my DNA.  
I've got these memories  
that are more faded  
than these thrifted  
denim jeans.



I've got these memories  
that I wish I could unsee,  
but they've already  
made their home in me.



I've got these memories  
that I want to live through  
again,  
but now they exist as  
just a distant dream.

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