

feasting

**Batters and doughs.**  
Baking tools gift set,  
£9.99, [lakeland.co.uk](http://lakeland.co.uk)

**Into the wood.**  
Christmas tree  
chopping board, £12,  
[sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk)

**Like a fairy tale.**  
DIY gingerbread  
house kit, £35,  
[biscuiteers.com](http://biscuiteers.com)

**Cooling-off  
period.** Cake  
rack, £15,  
garden  
trading.co.uk

**Bake Off: The  
Professionals.**  
Food  
processor,  
£275,  
[cuisinart.co.uk](http://cuisinart.co.uk)

**Look-in glass.**  
Two-tier jar, £29.99,  
[kitchencraft.co.uk](http://kitchencraft.co.uk);  
'Homemade'  
jar, £1, [pound  
land.co.uk](http://pound<br/>land.co.uk)

**Star baker.**  
Cookie cutter  
set, £2.99,  
[kitchencraft.  
co.uk](http://kitchencraft.<br/>co.uk)

**Smart  
measures.**  
Kitchen  
scales, £69,  
[redcandy.co.uk](http://redcandy.co.uk)

**Festive fancies.**  
Polar bear and  
Christmas  
tree cookie  
cutters,  
£4.99 each,  
[lakeland.  
co.uk](http://lakeland.<br/>co.uk)

## Blissful baking

WARM hearts and lift spirits with a hot drink and a pretty selection of homemade goodies. Use your favourite crockery for afternoon tea or relax and chat by the fire with cookies and hot chocolate as you take a breather and appreciate each other.

Present your home-baked treats in attractive jars and tins or on quirky cake stands. Add wintry warmth to your table with twinkly fairy lights, an assortment of candles and foraged foliage. It's the sweetest little things that bring joy.

### Blogger spotlight



*BREAD LOVER and food blogger Kate Doran taught herself to bake and finds pleasure in sharing what she makes with friends and family. Her lovely cookbook, 'Homemade Memories: Childhood Treats With A Twist' (Orion, £18.99), and blog [thelittleloaf.com](http://thelittleloaf.com) include tasty, sweet bakes made with good, honest ingredients and a lot of love, accompanied by a splash of nostalgia. Who can resist baked goods? Not us! For family-friendly food inspiration, follow Kate @feedinglittleloaves*

### Cheerful cherries on top

**Luxury items.** Chocolate bauble, £12, [chococo.co.uk](http://chococo.co.uk); caramel shortbread, £15, [cartwrightandbutler.co.uk](http://cartwrightandbutler.co.uk); Abbotts & Delaunay Cumulo Nimbus Minervois, £22.99, [oxfordwine.co.uk](http://oxfordwine.co.uk); Ormarine Conchylia Picpoul de Pinet, £9, [marksandspencer.com](http://marksandspencer.com); Boxing Day chutney, £4.75, [cartwrightandbutler.co.uk](http://cartwrightandbutler.co.uk); Divine hot chocolate, £5, [ukshop.divinechocolate.com](http://ukshop.divinechocolate.com); smoked apple butter, £3.95, [rosebudpreserves.co.uk](http://rosebudpreserves.co.uk); Fresh chocolate, from £6.50, [russellandatwell.com](http://russellandatwell.com)

## CHRISTMAS KITCHEN *Festive ideas for sweet treats and more*



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**1 Christmas With Kim-Joy** by Kim-Joy (Quadrille, £15) **2 Happy Vegan Christmas: Plant-based Recipes For Festive Scandinavian Feasts** by Karoline Jönsson, (Pavilion Books, £14.99) **3 Melissa Forti's Christmas Baking Book** by Melissa Forti (Prestel, £24.99) **4 Joy To The World** by Silke Martin and Frauke Antholz (Hardie Grant, £9.27)

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