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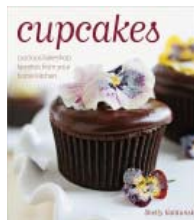
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## Cupcakes

By Shelly Kaldunski

Fireside, \$18.95, 128 pages

Cupcakes are single serving treats, already prepared and fun to eat. Specialty cupcake bakeries have been springing up, turning a former elementary-school birthday treat into high-end indulgences. Kaldunski was a contributor to *Martha Stewart's Baking Handbook* and a food editor at *Martha Stuart Living*, and has collected more than 60 cupcake recipes and organized them into five categories: Basic Cupcakes, Fruit & Nut, Chocolate, Special-Occasion and Frostings, Fillings & Finishes. The recipes themselves are



all easy to follow, with enough variation that no one in your house will say “Cupcakes again???” Some of the finishing work may require familiarity around cake decorating techniques and skills, though there is a small primer on them in the introduction. In addition, the variety of options included lends itself to mixing and matching cakes, toppings, and garnishes (Kaldunski included a chart with some helpful suggestions about that as well. For the home baker, *Cupcakes* will provide fun and entertaining alternatives to your dessert repertoire.