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# Martha Stewart's Appetizers: 200 Recipes For Dips, Spreads, Snacks, Small Plates, And Other Delicious Hors D'Oeuvres, Plus 30 Cocktails



## Synopsis

With more than 200 recipes, successfully cook snacks, starters, small plates, stylish bites, and sips for any occasion. Hors d'oeuvres made modern: Today's style of entertaining calls for fuss-free party foods that are easy to make and just as delicious as ever. With more than 200 recipes for tasty pre-dinner bites, substantial small plates, special-occasion finger foods, and quick snacks to enjoy with drinks, Martha Stewart's Appetizers is the new go-to guide for any type of get-together.

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## Customer Reviews

MARTHA STEWART is America's most trusted lifestyle expert and teacher and the author of more than 80 books on cooking, entertaining, crafts, homekeeping, gardens, weddings, and decorating.

IT LIES FLAT when it's open. All cookbooks should do that, but most don't. Alleluia. Very pretty pictures, clear instructions, nicely laid out. You don't have to flip pages back and forth while making things. Yay that. The pages are kind of smooth, but not slick and shiny; fairly smooth cover. If you dribble something on them and are quick about wiping them off, it should come off okay. Dark stuff might leave a stain on the pages. The book smells like new textbooks. :) It's 10.25" x 7.75", so not too big. So many cookbooks these days take up too much space in a normal-sized kitchen. Not this one. :) Table of Contents lists the sections. Each section lists all the recipes it contains. It's well-indexed. Chiorizo, Corn & Cheddar Quesadillas and Fresh Tomatillo Salsa are the only two

things I've made so far, but they were both very good! You can never go wrong with tomatillos, though, lol. Almost all the stuff in her books is good (the Cookies book is probably THE best book on cookies) and I'm fairly confident that the rest of it will be good. But if it's not, I will update. Nobody - not even Martha - gets a pass if what they sell isn't worthy of having money spent on it. Not in my book. Martha has never failed me on quality. Since my salad days, many years ago, when I always bought her stuff at (the discount store) until now, I know that if Martha's name is on it, it's going to be good. In the case of cookbooks, it's going to be EXCELLENT - sometimes the best on the market - and not priced as high as others! I've always appreciated that I could count on Martha for quality, especially when I was pretty broke. She may have become a wealthy woman, but I really don't think that Martha Stewart has really received the credit she is due. You can count on her and that's not something you can say about the majority of names or products (of any kind) these days.

I have been buying Martha Stewart's cookbooks for almost 30 years now. They never let me down and this one is no exception. Great clear recipes and beautiful photos showing each dish. About five years ago I began getting all my cookbooks in the Kindle format. The design for the Kindle version always seemed like an afterthought to the printed book. However this one very wisely puts the photos and recipe introductions to front of the book with links to the recipes in the back. Same approach most digital versions of food magazines use. Very smart move!

I've never had a Martha Stewart book that I did not think was fantastic, and this one does not disappoint. I have the original appetizers cookbook as well, and hesitated to purchase this one because I thought that maybe it was the same book, or maybe just an updated version, but it's not. Like all of the Martha Stewart books, it's filled with stunning photographs of fabulous recipes, none of which are difficult to make. I'm going to be using this book a lot.

Absolutely love this book. Even if some of the recipes are a bit too complicated, it's really easy to find alternatives to some of the ingredients. It's great when you don't have any ideas at all or don't know which direction you want to go in. The pictures are beautiful, as well.

We've been entertaining more often lately than we have in the past. It's been a lot of fun, but we're running out of recipe ideas, and some of my recipe plans were either too fancy to pull off for a group (hopefully in advance), or there were just not very impressive (take-out pizza anyone?). I find that people really are hungry at parties, and while it's really fun to

have some fancy appetizers, people really do hope to have "starters" that all add up substantially. This book bridges those two desires seamlessly, impressive and light-appearing, while actually kind of substantial. Even more helpful, Martha and company makes things easy with sound advice, including how much food to make, and how to get things prepared beforehand. It seems to me like a fairly encyclopedic listing, too. Some of the recipes seem to include the ultimate and authoritative classics, like various Spiced Nuts in the Snacks chapter, which includes Chinese Five-Spice Pecans which always disappear quickly at our parties. Likewise, there is Classic Guacamole and Southern-Style Cheese Straws (another family favorite) in the Starters chapter. Yet most of the recipes seem to feature several variations, with updated flavor profiles that I really like. For example, the Small Plates chapter includes Beef Sliders, but also Greek Lamb, Salmon, or Turkey & Avocado. Also, there is a range of Meatball recipes, including the classics "Italian and Swedish" yet also includes Lamb with Harissa, or Asian-Style Turkey. Those have been a big hit at our get-togethers. The recipes in the Stylish Bites chapter are surprisingly easy to make, like the variety of excellent Mini Quiche recipes, and the five different Classic Canapes recipes. For cooking light meals with my family, I think our favorites so far are the three different Asian Summer Rolls recipes, and the good ole Deviled Eggs (with six varieties of toppings). I haven't made everything yet (there are hundreds of variations included), but what we have had "either with guests or for just us" have turned out wonderfully, and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

There are a couple that I would not try, but nearly all look delicious! I have already tried some, and are very tasty! The Artichoke Dip is delicious! I always love a cookbook that has plenty of pictures to show what the food SHOULD look like. This one doesn't disappoint. I highly recommend.

I LOVE this cookbook! It is my go-to book whenever I need to get a friend or family member a gift. So far I have bought this book 4 times. It has simple and elegant appetizer recipes. Some of the recipes could be used for meals as well, like the quesadilla recipes.

I have Martha Stewart's earlier books, and this one gives me additional ideas and options to add to the finger foods I serve my guests. These are more up to date than her earlier selections, but both books give many options to present finger foods to hungry guests.

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