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# Recipes at your fingertips

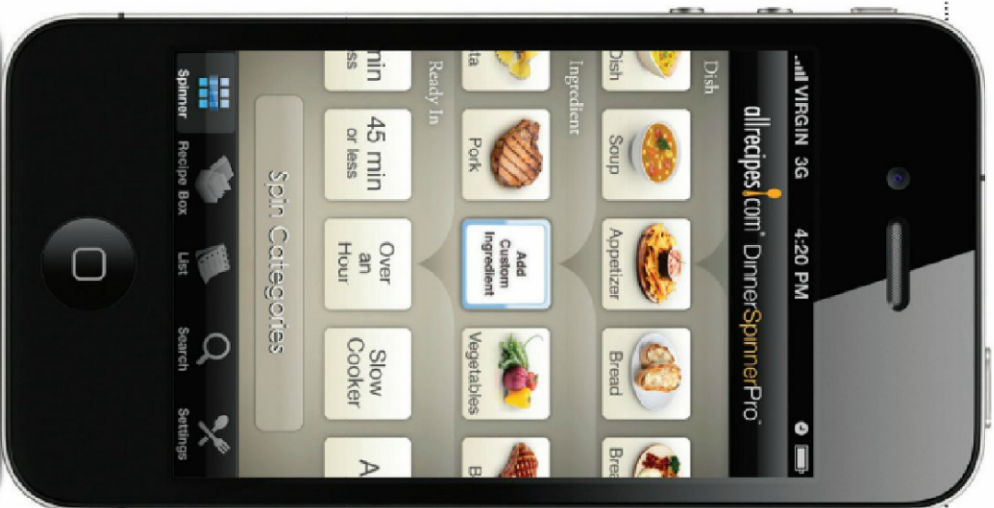
Once in awhile, I still like to flip through the pages of glossy cookbooks, and sometimes I even enjoy rifling through handwritten index cards in my recipe box. But these days, most of the time when in search of culinary inspiration, I simply tap on an app on my phone. Here are eight recipe apps that can help everyone from the home cook preparing a family dinner to the gourmet foodie preparing a fancy holiday meal. All the apps featured are available from the App Store and Google Play Store.

## Epicurious Recipes and Shopping List


From Condé Nast, publishers of glossy magazine fare such as *EQ*, *Vogue*, and *Architectural Digest*, the Epicurious app has been around for a couple of years now, but it has recently undergone some changes. It features bigger, clearer recipe layouts, voice-activated controls for hands-free cooking and ways to create, manage and share shopping lists. You can access more than 30,000 recipes, including those featured in *Condé Nast's Bon Appetit* magazine. The app's interface is user-friendly and very eye-catching. The "What's In Season" feature is cool for cooks who want the freshest seasonal ingredients.

## Allthecooks

 If you are looking for a recipe database and community for cooks, similar to a Facebook for home cooks, then download the Allthecooks app. Get cooking ideas, talk about recipes, share photos and, more importantly, discover new recipes to try at home.



## Allrecipes Dinner Spinner

 If you've used the website allrecipes.com, then you know it is an excellent resource. The Dinner Spinner app has the same features as the website, with a twist of fun. You shake the phone to get suggestions for what to cook based on dish type (appetizer, entree or dessert), ingredients and time. The app gives you instant access to Allrecipes' collection of member-submitted recipes, featuring photos, ratings and reviews.

## ChefTap

 ChefTap is a recipe organizer. What is different about the ChefTap app is that you can automatically

clip recipes from any website including allrecipes.com and epicurious.com, even an entire Pinterest board! You can edit and rework your recipes, as well as add your own pictures. You can then share your recipes via email or export recipes via text or HTML.



## Pinterest

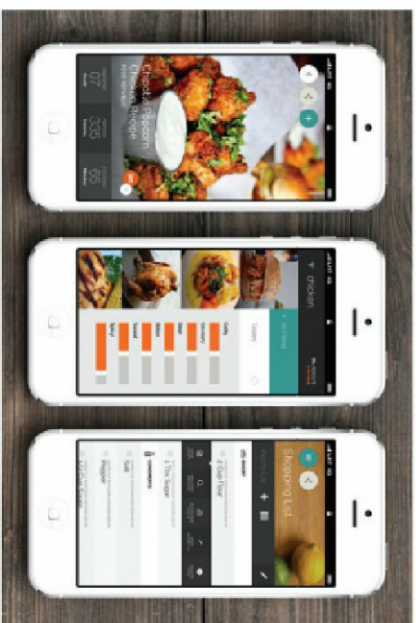
 You probably already use the Pinterest app as a bookmarking tool for

every craft hobby, home improvement project, fashion style or dream vacation you want: why not use it to search and organize recipes? The easy-to-use app is just like the website: You can pin recipes you like to your own boards and search other people's boards for delicious things to make.


## Yummly

 Perhaps one of the most attractive layouts belongs to Yummly, a site


and app latched for foodies. You can search for recipes by ingredient, diet, allergy, nutrition, price, cuisine, time, taste, meal courses and sources. Save your "yums" and create shopping lists based on the recipes you choose, then have them delivered to your door. That's right, it has a grocery-delivery service. What makes Yummly unique is that you can personalize it, because the app learns what you like and can make recommendations.



## Big Oven

 With more than 350,000 recipes, this is one big resource with a clean interface. You can search for food by type and ingredient. Upgrade to a paid pro plan so you can do things like exclude ingredients and specify dietary restrictions. Easy preplanned menus are very helpful. You can simply search for a recipe and then add it to your own menu. The ingredients for the recipe are automatically added to your shopping list. You can then modify the list based on what you already have in your pantry.

## Food Network in the Kitchen

 Fans of celebrity chefs Bobby Flay, Giada De Laurentis and even Gay Fieri and others will enjoy the Food Network in the Kitchen app. You can search recipes by chefs, and each recipe refers to the TV show where it appears. A search for tacos, for example, brings up Tyler Florence's Tacos Carne Asada recipe from the show "Food 91" and fish tacos courtesy of Top Origin as featured on the show "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." Click on the photo and you can even watch a video walking you through the recipe, as seen on the TV show. 