



Producing pastry dishes

Lesson 2

This course will show you how to prepare pastry using a variety of different methods, how to cook and finish pastry products to an excellent standard.





Tools and equipment

Making pastry is a skill and requires a lot of equipment to produce quality products.

Using the rights tools at the right stage will help you do that.





Bowls

A variety of different sized bowls are used for mixing and measuring this can help you to keep clean and safe.





Pastry requires exact measuring to obtain high quality results.

You must also understand the different types of measuring units.





Measuring jugs for liquids – water and milk

Make sure they show both types of metric and imperial measurements.





Measuring scales for solid ingredient, electric are best for accuracy and make sure they have both type of metric and imperial measurements.





Measuring spoons for small quantities

like sugar, salt, baking powder.

Check whether they are metric or imperial.

Teaspoon = 5 grams

Table spoon = 15 grams





Sieves

Sieving flour before making anything will help to remove impurities and lumps and also add air to the mix.





Spoons

Various size spoons are useful for measuring, mixing and beating.
Wooden spoons are used to prevent scratching metal bowls.





Whisks

Whisks are used for whipping cream for pipping and eggs for meringue.





Whisks

The whisk helps to incorporate air into egg whites.

Helps mix the fat in cream so that it thickens.





Spatulas

Spatulas with a soft plastic end help to clean out bowls of wet mixtures.

Prevents wastage of mixed ingredients.





Pallete knife

A flattened knife which is for placing under hot products and moving onto cooling racks.

Also use for spreading ingredients into even layers.





Rolling pins

Usually made from wood, the essential piece of kit for rolling pastry into thin, flat and even sheets.





Baking Trays

Various size trays to place items on for baking in the oven.

Can be non stick or will need to be greased before placing items on to bake.





Cutters

Cutters come in various shapes and sizes. They ensure even sizes and good portion control.

Used for mini tart cases or individual pastry items.





Cooling racks

After baking all pastry items are cooled onto a cooling rack.

Helping heat to escape, preventing the pastry being moist and soggy on the bottom.





Revision Activity 2

List three tools or equipment used when making pastry?