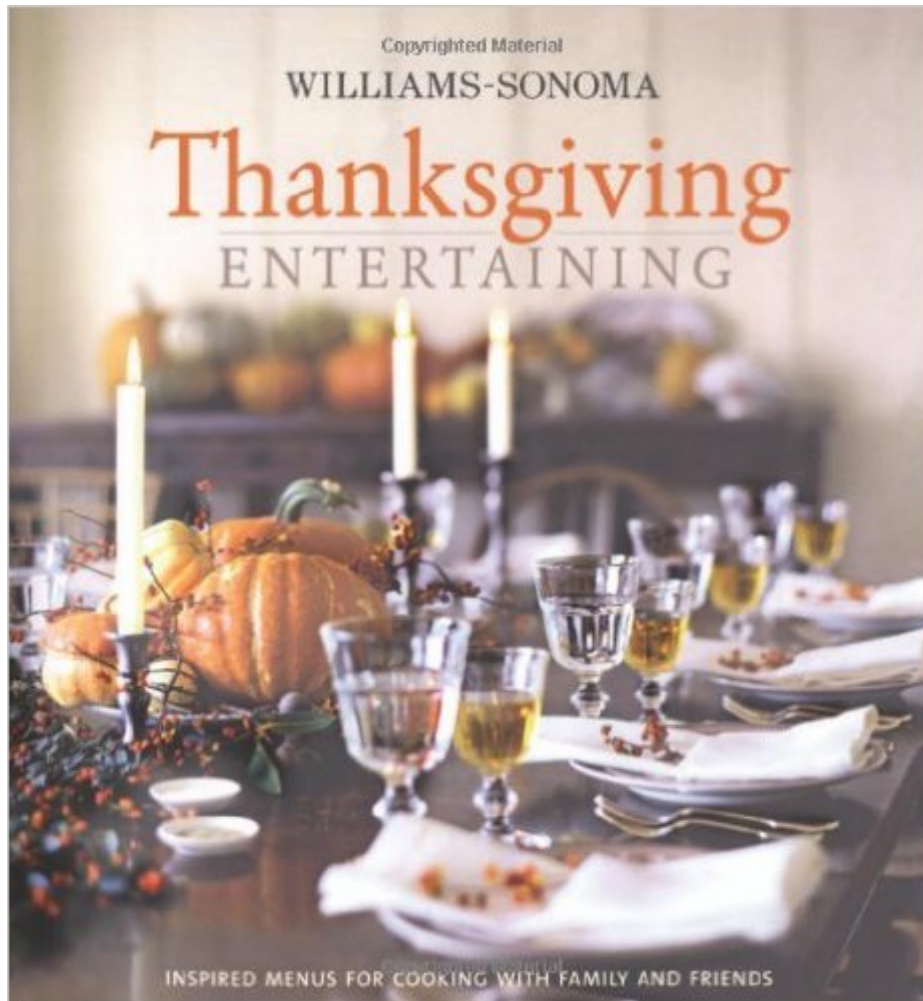


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# Williams-Sonoma Entertaining: Thanksgiving Entertaining



## Synopsis

**Thanksgiving Entertaining** Thanksgiving is perhaps the most American holiday of all, a celebration of beloved foods, and customs that evoke happy memories of good times shared with family and friends. Williams-Sonoma Thanksgiving Entertaining is a complete guide to creating those favorite traditions in your own home. Equal parts cookbook and how-to manual, it presents five menus for entertaining over the Thanksgiving weekend, including three distinctive ideas for the holiday feast. For traditionalists, there is a classic New England Thanksgiving dinner featuring roasted turkey with pan gravy and all the trimmings, including an old-fashioned oyster stuffing,, cranberry relish, and buttery mashed potatoes. A contemporary California-style holiday menu showcases a butterflied turkey and light, seasonal Mediterranean-inspired accompaniments, while an elegant southern buffet offers a glorious glazed ham, spooned bread, and collard greens. Because Thanksgiving entertaining often extends beyond the holiday meal, this book includes menus for a casual Day-After Lunch, with turkey sandwiches and snacks, and a homey weekend breakfast, with French toast, smoothies, and an irresistible Pumpkin Bread. In addition to the nearly fifty recipes, there are step-by-step instructions for decorating your home, setting an attractive table, and making a variety of festive drinks -- all lavishly illustrated with color photographs. Detailed work plans accompany each menu, and helpful reference sections provide guidelines on tableware and glassware, setting up a buffet, pairing food and wine, and more. You'll find everything you need to know to host a memorable Thanksgiving that both you and your guests will enjoy.

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## Customer Reviews

I made my first T-day dinner and used many recipes from this book. The Sourdough/Apple stuffing was a huge hit!! As will all WS books, it is a beautiful text. This is truly an entertaining cookbook with decor tips, beverages, and after holiday meals.

I bought this book for a little added help with hosting my 2nd Thanksgiving Dinner. I loved the entertaining tips and centerpiece ideas. It has Thanksgiving recipes and decorating ideas by region; a California Thanksgiving, a Southern Thanksgiving, etc. This is my 2nd Williams Sonoma book and I will continue the collection - I am hooked. If you are looking for a classy cookbook with elegant recipes and great presentation tips and numerous pictures, this is the book you will want to spend your money on.

The other reviews are correct in that this is a beautiful book. However, I didn't find it that helpful in creating menus, table decorating or general entertaining. The Day after Thanksgiving lunch and weekend breakfast ideas are great, and something that my family has never done, so that's an idea. It referred to the "color palettes in this book" a couple of times, but there weren't any. The recipes are sparse, and I have most of them elsewhere. (I am trying the cranberry relish this year though.) This is a great book for someone who has never done the daunting task of preparing a major family meal for Thanksgiving. It would be a brilliant gift for a new family trying to create their own traditions. But for someone with some traditions in place that likes to change it up a little here and there, I wouldn't recommend it.

I should start by saying that I am clumsy when it comes to cooking and baking. This book offers menus so that you're organized and know exactly when to cook each piece and you're not scrambling to get everything together on the actual day. The menus are easy to follow and while it may seem intimidating to make everything from scratch, it ALL worked out for me - it all looked good and tasted delicious. And that means it would work out for you.

This is a very beautiful book. It reminds me how much fun the holidays can be. I originally bought this book because I am trying to figure out what I want my thanksgiving to be like so that we have a traditional meal established by the time my husband and I have kids. I remember how much better holidays were as we got older and started knowing what to expect at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter etc. I am from Virginia and was surprised to see that they had it laid out by different regions

and traditions in those areas. I may mix and match a bit but the southern Thanksgiving felt just right. Can't wait to try some of the recipes.

They have so many good ideas for sides, pies, and entrees. I actually checked this book out from the library three times before deciding to just buy it. I was pleased by the different meals for different occasions. You can go fancy or maybe something not as elaborate for a simple dinner.

William Sonoma knows how to put a book together beautifully! The pictures and ideas are so wonderful. I take this book out to display on my counter because it is so lovely. I refer to it whenever I need an idea or inspiration!

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