

Allium Foodworks

Personal Chef Service

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Food Gifts

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Personal Chef Service

A Personal Chef is the perfect gift for anyone. It is a memorable and special experience, customized specifically for each client. Fees vary from chef to chef and the service to be provided, and can be in-home or at different locations. Services include:

- meal service
- cooking classes
- shopping tours
- dinner parties from 2 to 12
- menu planning
- special diet consultation

A Personal Chef experience is great for

- birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions
- stagettes, showers, small receptions and open houses
- supporting someone during a lifestyle change, after surgery or while going through chemotherapy

Cooking Class

Your friend admires your abilities in the kitchen and loves your signature dish. Buy the ingredients, invite your friend over and teach them the tips and tricks for preparing that exceptional recipe you've created. It's a one-of-a-kind gift and special way to bond with someone close to you.

Or, hire a Personal Chef to come to your house so you and your friend can learn new recipes and techniques, then enjoy the fruits of your labour.

Dinner Party

Give yourself as a gift. Plan the menu, buy the ingredients, take the tools and prepare a special meal for your friend in their kitchen. They get to enjoy a terrific meal in the comfort of their own dining room as you become their personal chef for the evening.

Or, hire a Personal Chef who will work with you to create a really memorable and special experience.

Food Gifts (cont'd)

Give a Recipe

Turn that special recipe you make that everyone loves into a unique gift.

- Choose a gift "basket" that best suits the recipe. Maybe a basket, colander, decorative bag, sieve, serving dish, platter, wooden box, cooler bag, or a stock pot. Get creative!
- Write the recipe on attractive cardstock, postcard or even the back of a photo of you, the gift recipient, or a landscape.
- Arrange ingredients for the recipe in the "basket."
- If you like, wrap the basket in cellophane (from craft stores) and tie with a large ribbon.
- Attach a gift card and deliver with a smile!

Picnic in a Backpack

There are many retailers now who sell picnic backpacks which are excellent for an afternoon of theatre in the park or great for hiking up the side of a mountain. To make the gift even more personal:

- add a bottle of wine or Italian sparkling water
- provide lock and seal containers for the food they want to prepare and take
- include a gift certificate to a favourite deli so they can pick up salads, sandwiches, fruit and cheese on their way to the picnic
- slide in a Frisbee for some fun after lunch

Hostess Gifts

Food gifts are great when you're invited to a party or to give guests coming to your event. Keep some distinctive prepared items in your pantry for a last-minute invitation but food gifts like home-made muffins or small pots of jam are really appreciated.

A custom spice blend is a quick, easy and very personal unique gift. Package it in food-safe bags (from craft stores) and then place in a small gift box. If willing to share, attach a copy of your recipe.

Cajun Blackened Spice Blend

- 3 tbsp paprika, bright red
- 1 tbsp cayenne (to taste, or omit)
- 1 tbsp thyme, dried leaves, NOT ground
- 1 tbsp oregano, dried leaves, NOT ground
- 2 tbsp onion powder
- 2 tbsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp granulated sea salt
- 1 tbsp organic granulated sugar (or white)

Assembled Meals

For the busy person who likes to cook but doesn't have the time to shop and prep, assembled meal service can be a great alternative. There are many companies to choose from and while most are franchises, a few are run by chefs. Some important questions to ask:

- How long has the owner been in business?
- Is the service run by someone with a professional cooking background?
- Are the recipes franchise-generated or created by the owner?
- Does the owner guarantee to replace meals if when cooked, the quality is poor?