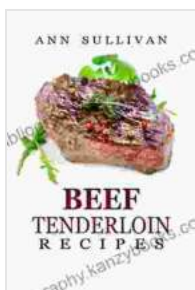


# Beef Tenderloin Recipes: The Ultimate Guide to Cooking the Perfect Steak

Beef tenderloin is one of the most prized cuts of meat, and for good reason. It's incredibly tender, flavorful, and juicy. But cooking the perfect beef tenderloin can be a challenge, even for experienced cooks.



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That's where this guide comes in. We'll walk you through everything you need to know about cooking the perfect beef tenderloin, from choosing the right cut of meat to mastering the cooking techniques.

## Choosing the Right Cut of Meat

The first step to cooking the perfect beef tenderloin is choosing the right cut of meat. Look for a tenderloin that is at least 1 1/2 inches thick and has a good amount of marbling. The marbling will help to keep the steak moist and flavorful.

There are two main types of beef tenderloin: whole tenderloin and filet mignon. Whole tenderloin is the entire muscle, while filet mignon is a smaller, more tender cut that is taken from the center of the tenderloin.

If you're looking for the most flavorful steak, choose a whole tenderloin. If you're looking for a more tender steak, choose a filet mignon.

## **Preparing the Beef Tenderloin**

Once you've chosen the right cut of meat, it's time to prepare it for cooking. First, remove the steak from the refrigerator and allow it to come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This will help the steak to cook more evenly.

Next, trim any excess fat from the steak. You want to leave a little bit of fat on the steak, as this will help to keep it moist, but you don't want too much, as it can make the steak greasy.

Finally, season the steak with salt and pepper. You can also add other spices, such as garlic powder, onion powder, or paprika, if you like.

## **Cooking the Beef Tenderloin**

There are three main ways to cook beef tenderloin: grilling, roasting, and pan-frying.

### **Grilling**

Grilling is a great way to cook beef tenderloin because it gives the steak a nice smoky flavor. To grill beef tenderloin, preheat your grill to medium-high heat. Place the steak on the grill and cook for 4-5 minutes per side, or until the steak is cooked to your desired doneness.

## Roasting

Roasting is another great way to cook beef tenderloin. To roast beef tenderloin, preheat your oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Place the steak on a roasting rack and cook for 20-25 minutes, or until the steak is cooked to your desired doneness.

## Pan-Frying

Pan-frying is a quick and easy way to cook beef tenderloin. To pan-fry beef tenderloin, heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the steak to the skillet and cook for 3-4 minutes per side, or until the steak is cooked to your desired doneness.

## Resting the Beef Tenderloin

Once the steak is cooked, it's important to let it rest for 10-15 minutes before cutting into it. This will allow the juices to redistribute throughout the steak, resulting in a more tender and flavorful steak.

## Serving the Beef Tenderloin

Beef tenderloin can be served with a variety of sides, such as mashed potatoes, asparagus, or roasted vegetables. You can also add a sauce to the steak, such as a béarnaise sauce or a red wine sauce.

Cooking the perfect beef tenderloin is a skill that takes practice, but with the right techniques, you can create a steak that is both delicious and impressive. So next time you're looking for a special occasion meal, reach for a beef tenderloin and give it a try.

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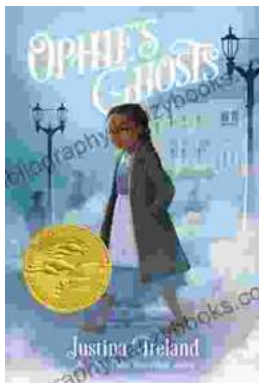
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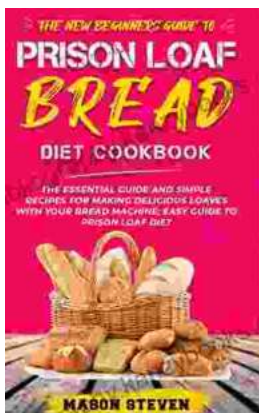
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