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more treats from Keiko's Kitchen

> Sutekina okashi means "lovely sweets" in Japanese. This is talented baker Keiko Ishida's follow-on title to her bestselling okashi: sweet treats made with love. In this collection, Keiko shares new ideas for making even more tempting confections using French-style baking techniques and Japanese flavours. She also includes a section on astrological herbal treats made using ingredients and herbs linked to the zodiac signs, to inject fun and exciting flavours into baking.

> With easy-to-follow recipes, step-by-step pictures and essential information on baking techniques, this book provides the necessary guidance that new bakers will appreciate, while delighting all who love baking with its delightful range of recipes.



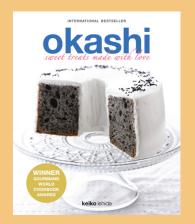
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introduction



It has been seven years since my first book, *Okashi: Sweet Treats Made with Love*, was published in Singapore in 2009. That was my first attempt to document all the sweets I have been making since childhood. It was unbelievable for me, being born and raised in Japan, to produce a book in English. Shocking as it was, this extraordinary event led me to think it was meant to be. The book continues to be a bestseller and it clinched an award at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards that year. Now, I'm extremely happy to present to you my second book in English, *Sutekina Okashi: More Treats from Keiko's Kitchen*.

The Japanese word, *sutekina*, means lovely or charming, and *okashi* refers to home-made sweet treats. It is my hope that when you present your loved ones and friends with treats made using recipes from this book, they will exclaim, "Wow! What a lovely treat!" (*"Sutekina okashi!*")

In *Okashi*, I shared basic recipes. In this book, I share recipes that are more exquisite in taste and appearance. It is my hope that you will use your skills honed from making the treats in *Okashi* to create these new treats in *Sutekina Okashi*.

In the first section, New Creations, you will find western-style treats made using popular Japanese ingredients such as green tea, red bean paste and soy bean powder. I hope you will enjoy these flavours as much as I do.

The second section features all-time favourites. Although the treats may seem familiar, I add a Japanese touch to the recipes, including using Japanese techniques for softer textures and using less sugar.

In the third section, I invite you into the world of good luck treats. This is a marriage of herbal therapy and astrology, both of which I have a deep interest in. Just for fun, try them out on yourself, family and friends.

I don't have my own patisserie nor am I a highly skilled chef. And for those of you who are like me, we can in our own way, make simple, tasty treats straight out of the oven, the home-baking way. It's possible with decoration and presentation to make refined treats from simple recipes. And most importantly, these treats can bring happiness to our loved ones and friends.

The scent of baking in the kitchen is like aromatherapy. The smell of lemon, butter and custard when whisking lemon curd is so tempting. These are just simple examples of how wonderful it is to bake.

May this book inspire you to bake and bring tons of joy and happiness to you and those around you.

With love from a small kitchen near the sea,

Keiko

### or Revier new creations

(western pastries with a japanese touch)



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galette nantaise kinako







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50 red bean coconut pie

58 green tea cross cookies

# green tea pound cake For Review Only

Makes one 24 x 8-cm cake



- Pastry flour 110 g Baking powder 1/2 tsp
- Green tea powder 10 g
- Unsalted butter 120 g, at room temperature
- Icing sugar 120 g
- Salt a pinch
- **Eggs** 120 g
- Japanese chestnuts in syrup (kanro-ni) about 15 pieces + more for topping
- **GREEN TEA ICING**
- lcing sugar 160 g
- Green tea powder 5 g
- Water 2 Tbsp

NOTE: For a different flavour, omit the chestnuts or replace with red bean paste.

By making a 'cut' in the middle of the batter, the pound cake will develop a clean, straight crack after baking.





- 1. Preheat oven to 170°C. Line a 24 x 8 x 6-cm cake pan with parchment paper.
- 2. Sift flour, baking powder and green tea powder together twice.
- 3. Beat butter, icing sugar and salt until light and very fluffy. Gradually add eggs and beat well. Add flour mixture and fold through completely using a spatula. The surface of batter should be glossy and smooth.
- 4. Pour half the batter into prepared cake pan, then arrange chestnuts in a line in the middle. Pour remaining batter over to cover chestnuts, and make a lengthwise 'cut' down the middle with a spatula. Bake for about 50 minutes.
- 5. Remove cake from pan and place in a big plastic bag to cool.
- 6. Make green tea icing. Place icing sugar and green tea powder in a small bowl and mix well. Add water and mix until smooth.
- 7. Pour green tea icing over cake. Decorate with gold dust and chopped chestnuts, if desired.



### black sesame soy bean pudding Review Only

Makes 5 servings



Gelatin sheets 5 g
White sesame seeds 70 g
Soy bean milk 330 g
Castor sugar 40 g
Whipping cream (35% fat) 200 g
BLACK SUGAR SYRUP

NOTE: This recipe makes five small portions. Double the recipe if needed. Soy bean milk can also be replaced with fresh whole milk.





- 1. Prepare five 90-ml wine glasses. Soak gelatin sheets in iced water to soften.
- 2. Bake white sesame seeds for about 15 minutes at 160°C without preheating oven. Grind toasted white sesame seeds in a food processer.
- 3. Place ground white sesame seeds, soy bean milk and sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Turn off heat, cover pan and let sit for about 10 minutes for flavours to infuse.
- 4. Strain soy milk through a sieve into a bowl, pressing white sesame seeds lightly to release excess liquid. Weigh liquid. It should be about 250 g. If weight is below 250 g, add more soy bean milk to make up 250 g. If it is more than 250 g, remove excess liquid.
- 5. Place softened gelatin in a bowl and heat gently in a double boiler until melted. Add melted gelatin and whipping cream to soymilk and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Pour into wine glasses. Refrigerate overnight to set and chill.
- 6. Make black sugar syrup. Place black sugar and water into a small saucepan and simmer for about 8 minutes, stirring until syrup is a little thick. Skim off any scum occasionally. Leave to cool.
- 7. Pour black sugar syrup on set pudding and serve.



# all-time favourites Review





64 prune clafoutis

66 dome-shaped peach cake

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yoghurt cream biscuit

roll cake

72 raspberry chiffon cake

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82 bavarian cream cake

with fruit

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cream soufflé with

caramel fudge brownie

meringue

88 coffee rum praline

mousse cake

ring cake

chocolate ganache 00

mini lemon cream puffs 104 chestnut tart

caramel ice cream

96

106coconut & raspberry

112







68 strawberry mousse charlotte cake

76 rum chocolate cake pops

> 84 coconut milk cake

92 mango coconut cheesecake

> 100 lemon tart

108 chocolate heart cookies

70 red berry roll cake

78 flower cupcakes



94 baked oreo cheesecake

> 102 strawberry tart

gingerbread cookies

## orange flower cake For Review Only

Makes one 16-cm round cake



at room temperature Icing sugar 45 g Salt a pinch Egg yolks 3 Fresh whole milk 2 Tbsp Pastry flour 90 g, sifted Ground almonds 40 g Sliced candied orange 90 g MERINGUE Egg whites 2 (about 70 g) Icing sugar 45 g SUGAR GLAZE

Unsalted butter 90 a.

- Icing sugar 70 g
- Lemon juice 2 tsp
- Orange liqueur 1 tsp
- **ICING FLOWERS**
- Icing sugar 250 g
- Egg whites 40 g

Orange and yellow icing colours





- 1. Make icing flowers a day in advance. Beat icing sugar and egg whites in a bowl until texture is firm. Divide icing into 3 equal portions. Using just a little colouring, colour one portion orange and another yellow. Leave one plain.
- 2. Spoon icing into separate piping bags fitted with petal piping tips. To pipe 5-petal flowers, start by applying a little icing on a flower nail and place a piece of waxed paper on it. Hold piping bag at a 45° angle, with the wide end of the tip touching the paper. Pipe a petal while rotating the piping bag clockwise and rotating the nail counterclockwise. Do this 4 times to make 5 petals, each petal overlapping slightly. Pipe flower centre using a small round tip. Pipe enough flowers to decorate cake. Leave on a tray to dry completely overnight.
- 3. Grease a 16-cm Gugelhupf mould with a little softened butter, then place in the freezer to chill. Dust mould with some flour, then tap to remove excess flour. Set aside.
- 4. Preheat oven to 170°C. Place butter, icing sugar and salt in a bowl and beat until creamy. Add egg yolks and milk and beat until light and fluffy.
- 5. Make meringue. In a clean bowl, beat egg whites until foamy, then add icing sugar and beat until stiff peaks form and meringue is glossy.
- 6. Add one-third of meringue to butter mixture and fold in lightly. Add sifted flour, ground almonds and candid orange, and fold through with a spatula. Add remaining meringue and fold to incorporate completely. The batter should be glossy and smooth.



- present for any occasion. The colour of the icing flowers can be changed to suit your theme.
- flowers.



7. Pour batter into prepared mould and bake for 40-45 minutes. Remove cake from pan and leave to cool on a wire rack.

8. Make sugar grale. Place icing sugar, lemon juice and orange liqueur in a small bowl and mix well. Pour glaze over cake and decorate with icing

## caramel fudge brownie or Review Only

Makes one 20-cm square cake



### Walnuts 50 g Pecans 50 g Dark sweet chocolate (55% cocoa) 150 g, chopped Cocoa mass 50 g, chopped Unsalted butter 90 g Castor sugar 120 g Eggs 120 g (about 2 eggs) Egg yolk 1 Vanilla extract 1 tsp Salt a pinch Pastry flour 50 g, sifted

**CARAMEL CREAM** 

Castor sugar 50 g

Glucose 40 g

Salt a pinch

### Whipping cream (35% fat) 50 g

NOTE: This brownie can be enjoyed on its own without the caramel cream. The caramel cream can also be used as a topping for ice cream, scones, cookies and bread.





- 1. Spread walnuts and pecans out on a flat baking tray and bake for 20 minutes at 160°C without preheating oven. Chop nuts into small pieces. Reserve some for topping.
- 2. Preheat oven to 170°C. Line a 20-cm square cake pan with parchment paper.
- 3. Place chocolate, cocoa mass and butter in a heatproof bowl and melt over a double boiler. Add sugar, eggs, egg yolk, vanilla extract and salt and mix well using a whisk. Add flour and chopped nuts and fold thoroughly.
- 4. Pour batter into prepared cake pan and top with reserved nuts. Bake for 25-30 minutes. Remove cake from pan and leave on a wire rack to cool.
- 5. Make caramel cream. Place sugar, glucose and salt in a saucepan and heat until sugar caramelises. Turn off heat and carefully pour whipping cream into saucepan while stirring with a spatula, mixing until smooth. Leave to cool slightly.
- 6. Drizzle caramel cream over brownie and leave to cool. Slice and serve.



# astrological herbal treats Review Only







116 aries v ginger spice cake 118 taurus v rose cupcakes

124 leo ∞ rosemary orange galette bretonners

ge virgo ∞ lavender cream petit tarts

**132** sagittarius <sup>v</sup> chicory & fig butter cake

134 capricorn ⊗ beetroot cake







120 gemini ∞ peppermint chocolate cookies

128 libra ≈ elderflower jelly

> **136** aquarius ∞ cumin cheese cookies

122 cancer ∞ chamomile bavarois

130 scorpio arphi sweet basil orange muffins

**138** pisces ∞ maple coconut ice cream

### gemini ≫ peppermint choeolate cookies iew Only Makes about 60 small cookies



- Dark sweet chocolate (55% cocoa) 50 g
- Unsalted butter 120 g, at room temperature
- lcing sugar 55 g
- Salt a pinch
- Pastry flour 160 g, sifted
- Egg yolk 1
- Peppermint tea leaves from 2 teabags
- Granulated sugar as needed

**NOTE:** For a prettier presentation, the cookies can also be topped with fresh peppermint leaves. After baking for about 25 minutes, remove the cookies from the oven. Brush beaten egg whites on the back fresh peppermint leaves and place on top of cookies. Return to the oven to bake for another 1-2 minutes.





- 1. Place dark chocolate into a food processer and blend until fine.
- 2. Beat butter, icing sugar and salt until soft and creamy. Add egg yolk and mix well.
- 3. Add flour, peppermint tea dust and chopped chocolate to butter mixture and fold through using a spatula. Bring dough together in a ball and refrigerate for about 10 minutes.
- 4. Divide dough into 2 portions. Roll each portion into a log about 3 cm in diameter. Wrap logs with cling film and chill in the freezer. If not baking the cookies immediately, the dough can be kept frozen for up to 2 months.
- 5. Preheat oven to 160°C. Line a baking tray with parchment paper.
- 6. Slice cookie dough logs into 7-mm thick pieces. Roll edges of cookies in granulated sugar and arrange on prepared baking tray.
- 7. Bake for 25–30 minutes. Remove from heat and place on a wire rack to cool.
- 8. Store cookies in an airtight container with a desiccant. Cookies will keep for up to 2 weeks.

