

Basics at a Glance

Recipe Abbreviations

approx.	= approximate
tsp or t	= teaspoon
Tbsp or T	= tablespoon
c	= cup
pt	= pint
qt	= quart
gal	= gallon
wt	= weight
oz	= ounce
lb or #	= pound (e.g., 3#)
g	= gram
kg	= kilogram
vol	= volume
mL	= milliliter
L	= liter
fl oz	= fluid ounce
No. or #	= number (e.g., #3)
in. or "	= inches (e.g., 12")
°F	= degree Fahrenheit
°C	= degree Celsius or centigrade

Volume Equivalents for Liquids



60 drops	= 1 tsp	
1 Tbsp	= 3 tsp	= 0.5 fl oz
1/8 cup	= 2 Tbsp	= 1 fl oz
1/4 cup	= 4 Tbsp	= 2 fl oz
1/3 cup	= 5 Tbsp + 1 tsp	= 2.65 fl oz
3/8 cup	= 6 Tbsp	= 3 fl oz
1/2 cup	= 8 Tbsp	= 4 fl oz
5/8 cup	= 10 Tbsp	= 5 fl oz
2/3 cup	= 10 Tbsp + 2 tsp	= 5.3 fl oz
3/4 cup	= 12 Tbsp	= 6 fl oz
7/8 cup	= 14 Tbsp	= 7 fl oz
1 cup	= 16 Tbsp	= 8 fl oz
1/2 pint	= 1 cup	= 8 fl oz
1 pint	= 2 cups	= 16 fl oz
1 quart	= 2 pt	= 32 fl oz
1 gallon	= 4 qt	= 128 fl oz

Equivalent Weights



16 oz	= 1 lb	= 1.000 lb
12 oz	= 3/4 lb	= 0.750 lb
8 oz	= 1/2 lb	= 0.500 lb
4 oz	= 1/4 lb	= 0.250 lb
1 oz	= 1/16 lb	= 0.063 lb

Scoops (Dishers)

Size/No. ¹	Level Measure	Color Code ²
6	2/3 cup	
8	1/2 cup	
10	3/8 cup	
12	1/3 cup	
16	1/4 cup	
20	3-1/3 Tbsp	
24	2-2/3 Tbsp	
30	2 Tbsp	
40	1-2/3 Tbsp	
50	3-3/4 tsp	
60	3-1/4 tsp	
70	2-3/4 tsp	
100	2 tsp	

¹ Scoops are left or right hand or squeeze-type that can be used for both hands. Number on the scoop indicates how many level scoopfuls make one quart. For example, eight No. 8 scoops = 1 quart.



² Use colored dots matching the brand-specific color coding of scoop sizes.

Ladles Portion Servers

Ladle fl oz	Approx. Measure	Portion Server fl oz
1 oz	1/8 cup	1 oz
2 oz	1/4 cup	2 oz
3 oz	3/8 cup	3 oz
4 oz	1/2 cup	4 oz
6 oz	3/4 cup	6 oz
8 oz	1 cup	8 oz
12 oz	1-1/2 cups	—

Ladles and portion servers (measuring-serving spoons that are volume-standardized) are labeled "oz." "Fl oz" would be more accurate since they measure volume, not weight.

Use ladles for serving soups, stews, creamed dishes, sauces, gravies, and other liquid products.

Use portion servers (solid or perforated) for portioning solids and semi-solids such as fruits and vegetables, and condiments.

Cooking or Serving Spoons

Solid Spoons 

Perforated Spoons 

Slotted Spoons 

Spoons vary in length (11", 13", 15", 18", 21") for ease of use in cooking or serving. Spoons can have plastic handles that are heat-resistant. Level scoops, ladles, and portion servers provide more accurate portion control than serving spoons that are not volume-standardized measure.

Specialty Spoons



A thumb notch on a server or spoon handle prevents the spoon from slipping into the pan and prevents hands from sliding into the food. Triple-edge (solid or perforated) spoons have a flat edge that increases the area where the spoon touches the bottom of the pan when stirring.

Fraction to Decimal Equivalents



1/8	= 0.125
1/4	= 0.250
1/3	= 0.333
3/8	= 0.375
1/2	= 0.500
5/8	= 0.625
2/3	= 0.666
3/4	= 0.750
7/8	= 0.875

Metric Equivalents by Weight



Customary Unit (avoirdupois)	Metric Unit
Ounces (oz)	Grams (g)
1 oz	= 28.35 g
4 oz	= 113.4 g
8 oz	= 226.8 g
16 oz	= 453.6 g
Pounds (lb)	Grams (g)
1 lb	= 453.6 g
2 lb	= 907.2 g
Pounds (lb)	Kilograms (kg)
2.2 lb	= 1 kg (1000 g)



Metric Equivalents by Volume



Customary Unit (fl oz)	Metric Unit
1 cup (8 fl oz)	= 236.59 mL
1 quart (32 fl oz)	= 946.36 mL
1.5 quarts (48 fl oz)	= 1.42 L
33.818 fl oz	= 1.0 L



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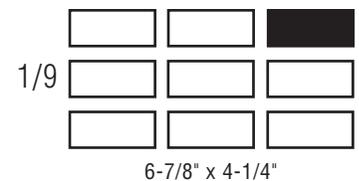
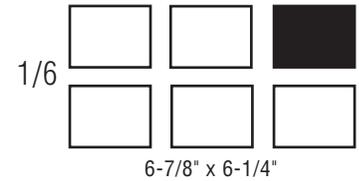
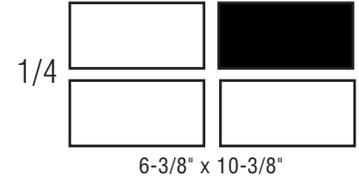
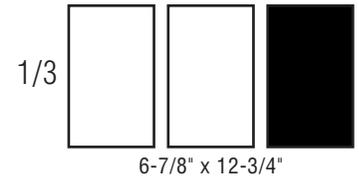
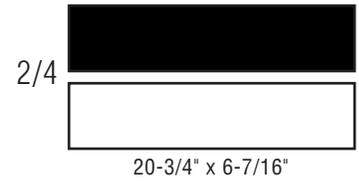
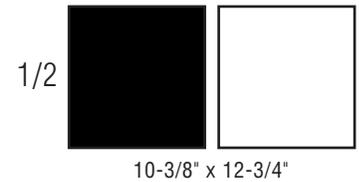
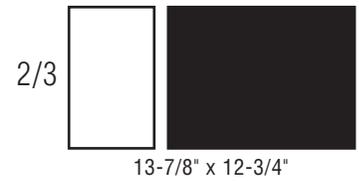
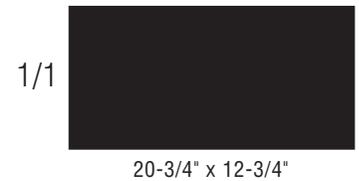
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Steamtable Pan Capacity

Pan Size	Approx. Capacity	Serving Size	Ladle (fl oz)	Scoop #	Approx. # Servings
 12" x 20" x 2-1/2"	2 gal	1/2 cup	4 oz	8	64
		3/8 cup	3 oz	10	80
		1/3 cup	2.65 oz	12	96
		1/4 cup	2 oz	16	128
 12" x 20" x 4"	3-1/2 gal	1/2 cup	4 oz	8	112
		3/8 cup	3 oz	10	135
		1/3 cup	2.65 oz	12	168
		1/4 cup	2 oz	16	224
 12" x 20" x 6"	5 gal	1/2 cup	4 oz	8	160
		3/8 cup	3 oz	10	200
		1/3 cup	2.65 oz	12	240
		1/4 cup	2 oz	16	320

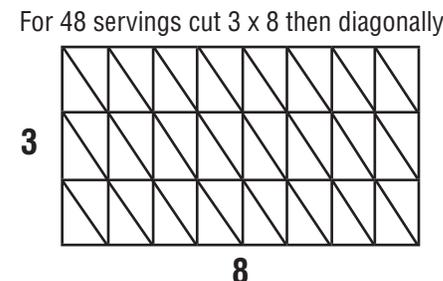
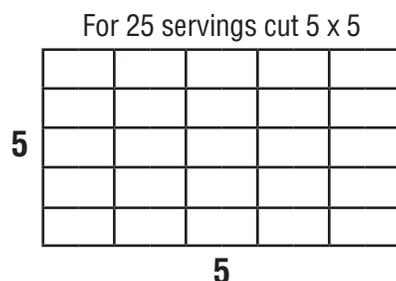
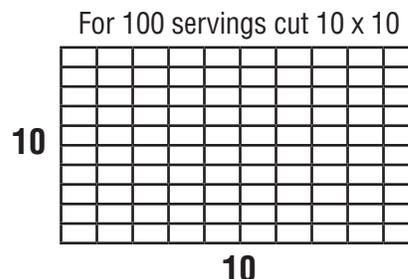
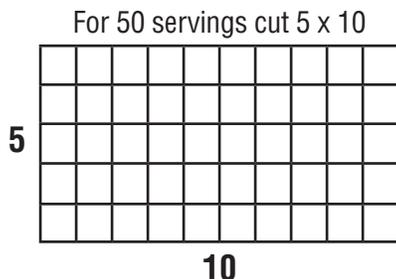
Other Pan Sizes



Approximate Dimensions of Serving Sizes from Different Pan Sizes

Pan	Approx. Size	No. and Approx. Size Servings per Pan		
		25	50	100
Baking or steamtable	12" x 20" x 2-1/2"	2" x 3-3/4"	2" x 2"	-----
Sheet or bun	18" x 26" x 1"	3-1/4" x 5"	3-1/4" x 2-1/2"	1-3/4" x 2-1/2"

Cutting Diagrams for Portioning



Steamtable or counter pans are available in various sizes. Smaller size pans may require the use of an adapter bar.