



Bake Off is back

With the return of GBBO, albeit in a very different format - we are really enjoying the hilarity provided by presenters Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig – it's likely the baking craze will take over our kitchens once again. It doesn't need to be a competition though; baking for pleasure when you devote time and love to it, will guarantee a good result - who wouldn't like something made with such care and attention? Invite friends around for tea and cake, share and compare and, above all, enjoy each other's company - accompanied by delicious bakes.

Blogger spotlight

Emma Morton-Turner regularly blogs at cakesbakesand cookies.com and says helping her mum in the kitchen when she was growing up ignited her love of baking. Emma is a self-taught cake decorator, too, and her blog is full of handy step-by-step guides to creating bakes with the wow factor. You will also find recipes for everything from banana bread and easy chocolate cake to peanut butter cookies and no-fry doughnuts.

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- 1 Home Baking by Rachel Allen (HarperCollins, £20) 2 The Artful Baker by Cenk Sönmezsoy (Abrams, £40)
- 3 The Hummingbird Bakery Cookbook by Tarek Malouf (Mitchell Beazley, £17.99) 4 Saturday Pizzas From The Ballymaloe Cookery School by Philip Dennhardt and Kristin Jensen (Ryland Peters & Small, £16.99)