



Moment Make Bakes: Our Top Three Recipes

Get ready to tantalise your tastebuds as we unpack some of the winning entries from the NEFF Moment Making Bakes competition. These vivid, mouth-watering masterpieces weren't just delivered with delicious detail, but with a unique, personal touch.

It was a hard decision, with no shortage of incredible entries to choose from. And although there can only be one winner, we were blown away by the entries. Our NEFF community has asked and we have delivered – here are the top three winning recipes from our 2021 Moment Making Bakes competition to download and taste test for yourself!

Third Place – [Coffee Walnut Cake by Helen Agostino](#)

Helen Agostino's coffee walnut cake is full of warm memories. A favourite of her Scottish-born mother, this thoughtful and thrifty recipe combines accessible ingredients with a detailed method to create a homespun take on this decadent favourite. It's enough to make you want to skip the main meal altogether. [Download the full recipe here.](#)

This coffee walnut cake involves instant coffee powder at every turn, from the pillowy cakes to the coffee-flavoured sugar syrup through to the irresistible butter cream topping. It even involves a dash a (generous) dash of Kahlua for that extra nip of coffee zing. There's no danger of a post-meal slump when this cake is on the menu.



Second place – [Adventurer's Reward Pasteis De Nata by Anita Jandrasec](#)

If you think the name is a bit of a mouthful, then just wait until you see these custard tarts up close. After Anita's journey from San Sebastian, through Marrakesh to Lisbon, these custard tarts would have been a real treat. Although, I doubt it's necessary to cover so many kilometres in order to enjoy them.

Cinnamon and vanilla infused custard is the real hero of this dessert—and topped with more of the same, you can never have too much cinnamon. But as small and deceptively simple as these tarts may appear, there's a lot of care in this recipe. From working and baking the dough, from cooking and flavouring the custard, to the assembly process, these tarts are a delicious journey all in themselves. [Download the full recipe here.](#)



First Place – [Baklava Layer Cake by Ilona Nicola](#)

And the winner is...Ilona Nicola's Baklava Layer Cake. A stately homage to her mother, this Baklava Layer Cake takes the treasured Ottoman dessert and mixes its pistachio and honey pastry with the extravagance with a cake topped with praline and buttercream.

But as Ilona herself says, this recipe is a reminder to "strip back all of life's complexities and remember what is most precious – family and friends (and sharing cake)". This layer cake fuses a vanilla and almond flavoured cake base with a similarly-flavoured buttercream. Despite the blend between two different dessert types, the unity of flavours is what makes this cake a winner—the almond cake balancing perfectly with the honeyed baklava. This cross-cultural treat is an absolute must-try. [Download the full recipe here.](#)



If you're looking for more Moment Making Bakes inspiration for your next kitchen adventure, more entries are available at the [NEFF Kitchen](#). And if you're an avid baker yourself, keep an eye out in 2022 for our next competition!

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