

Crispy Belgian waffles to make at home

The holiday season is synonymous with festive entertaining, from skating and caroling parties, to tree-trimming get-togethers, to a hearty breakfast on Christmas morning, and an elegant brunch on New Year's Day.

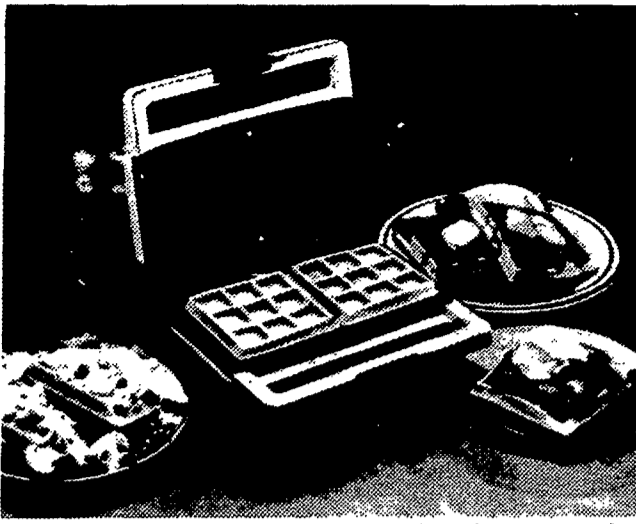
Family and friends drop in for a visit from down the street — or across the country — and they all look forward to something good, and a bit unusual, to eat.

This can pose a challenge for even the most experienced host or hostess, but one appliance which can help meet the challenge and add to the spirit of holiday entertaining is the Oster Belgian Waffle Maker, which also makes a great gift for all the gourmets on your Christmas list.

With confections of all types being especially featured at holiday get-togethers, a sweet Belgian waffle treat is something new and unusual to add to the usual holiday cookies and cakes.

Belgian waffles are a thicker, deeper variation of the waffle that was brought to the United States by the early Dutch colonists.

First introduced at the 1964 New York World's Fair, Belgian waffles easily accommodate more toppings than the regular waffle, among them, strawberries with ice cream or powdered sugar.



CRISP, GOLDEN WAFFLES are quick and easy to make with the help of the Oster Belgian Waffle Maker.

With the help of the new Oster Belgian Waffle Maker, it's easy to make light, golden Belgian waffles in just 2-3 minutes.

Thermostatically-controlled heat assures even heat distribution for great results every time. A convenient ready light indicates when the unit is preheated for cooking.

The non-stick, non-stain interior eliminates clean-up hassle, and the unit stores away compactly when not in use.

The following waffle recipes from the Oster test kitchens will provide a delicious addition to holiday fare.

egg whites.
Pour ½ cup (125mL) batter over center of grids.
Close waffle maker, bake until golden, about 2-2½ minutes. Repeat.
Serve hot with your favorite topping.
Yield: 18 waffles

BELGIAN COOKIE
A delicious "cookie-waffle" for dessert or snack

1 cup (250mL) butter or margarine
1 cup (250mL) sugar
1 tablespoon (15mL) vanilla
½ teaspoon (2mL) salt
2 eggs
2¼ cups (550mL) flour

Preheat Oster Belgian Waffle Maker.

Put butter and sugar in large mixing bowl. Cream together on medium low. Add vanilla and salt. Increase speed to medium.

Add eggs. Mix until smooth. Decrease speed to low, add flour. Mix well.

Drop ½ cup (75mL) dough on each grid. Close waffle maker.

Bake until golden, about 2-2½ minutes.

Remove from waffle maker with non-metal turner to wire rack. Allow waffles to cool.

Serve plain or with your favorite fruit filling and whipped cream.
Yield: 8 waffles

LIGHT 'N CRISP BELGIAN WAFFLES

2 egg yolks
2 cups (500mL) milk
2 cups (500mL) all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon (15mL) baking powder
½ teaspoon (2mL) salt
½ cup (75mL) oil
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Preheat Oster Belgian Waffle Maker.

Put all ingredients except egg whites in a large mixer bowl.

Beat on low until moistened.

Increase to medium, mix until smooth.
By hand, gently fold in

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