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# Missing an ingredient?

Before you make a mad dash to the supermarket, check these handy conversion charts.

### **Emergency Substitutes**

If you don't have	Use
Baking powder, 1 teaspoon	½ teaspoon cream of tartar plus ¼ teaspoon baking soda
Balsamic vinegar, 1 tablespoon	1 tablespoon cider vinegar or red wine vinegar plus ½ teaspoon sugar
Buttermilk, 1 cup	1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar plus enough milk to equal 1 cup (let stand 5 minutes before using) or 1 cup plain yogurt
Flour, self-rising, 1 cup	1 cup all-purpose flour plus 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon baking soda
Half-and-half or light cream, 1 cup	1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine plus enough whole milk to make 1 cup
Onion, chopped, ½ cup	2 tablespoons dried minced onion or ½ teaspoon onion powder
Tomato sauce, 2 cups	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup tomato paste plus 1 cup water

## Perfect weights & measures

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Keep these charts handy for easy conversions.

Measure	Equivalent Measure	Equivalent Ounces
1 tablespoon		½ fluid ounce
1 cup	½ pint	8 fluid ounces
2 cups	1 pint	16 fluid ounces
2 pints (4 cups)	1 quart	32 fluid ounces
4 quarts (16 cups)	1 galloņ	128 fluid ounces

3 teaspoons	=	1 tablespoon
4 tablespoons	=	1/4 cup
5 1/3 tablespoons	=	⅓ cup
8 tablespoons	=	1/2 cup
10 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> tablespoons	=	<sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> cup
12 tablespoons	=	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup
16 tablespoons	=	1 cup

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#### Tasty blends

Make your own seasonings ... it's easier than you think!

Make this	From this
Apple pie spice, 1 teaspoon	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, ½ teaspoon ground allspice and a dash of ground ginger
Cajun seasoning, 1 tablespoon	½ teaspoon white pepper, ½ teaspoon garlic powder, ½ teaspoon onion powder, ½ teaspoon ground red pepper, ½ teaspoon paprika and ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
Fresh snipped herbs, 1 tablespoon	½ to 1 teaspoon dried herbs
Poultry seasoning, 1 teaspoon	3/4 teaspoon dried sage and 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
Pumpkin pie spice, 1 teaspoon	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon ground ginger, ¼ teaspoon ground allspice, and ⅙ teaspoon ground nutmeg

### Spice of life!

When substituting spices, start with half the amount the recipe calls for (unless directed otherwise) and add to suit your taste.

Spice	Substitution
Allspice, ground	Ground cinnamon, nutmeg or cloves
Chili powder	Dash of bottled hot pepper sauce plus equal measures of ground oregano and cumin
Cloves, ground	Ground allspice, cinnamon or nutmeg
Cumin, ground	Chili powder
Mustard, dry, 1 teaspoon	1 tablespoon yellow mustard
Paprika	Cayenne pepper (just a dash it's hotter than paprika!)
Cayenne pepper, ground, 1/8 teaspoon	2 to 3 drops bottled hot pepper sauce

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