

# Soda Recipes Create Goodies Like Grandma's

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EVER try using old-fashioned baking soda in cookies and cakes? Our grandmothers did, and their baking was something to remember. So let's try a few soda recipes. You won't be disappointed.

### Paleface Brownies (16)

One cup sifted, all-purpose flour; ¼ teaspoon baking soda, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup shortening, melted and cooled; 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 2 eggs, beaten; 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 tablespoon vinegar, ½ cup chocolate pieces (3 ounces). Sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Combine shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla extract. Blend in dry ingredients and vinegar, mixing until smooth. Stir in chocolate pieces. Spread in greased, 8-inch square pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 30 minutes. Cool slightly and cut into squares. Cool thoroughly.

### Peanut Butter Cake (Two 8-inch round layers)

Two cups sifted cake flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, ¾ teaspoon salt, ½ cup creamy peanut butter, ¼ cup shortening, 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 2 eggs, ½ cup milk, ¼ cup vinegar. Sift flour, baking soda, and salt together. Cream together peanut butter, shortening, sugar and vanilla extract until soft and smooth. Beat in eggs until mixture is light and fluffy. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk and vinegar, begin-



Paleface brownies and a hot beverage—wonderful combination for a snack on winter evenings. Cut down on kitchen chores—use paper plates and cups when serving late-evening goodies.

ning and ending with dry ingredients; beat until mixture is blended after each addition. Pour equal amounts of batter into each of two greased and floured 8-inch round layer cake pans. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Cool before frosting with peanut butter frosting.

## Tufted Rugs Are New on Markets

High-quality moderate-cost rugs that are tufted instead of woven—that's what homemakers can look for when they shop for new rugs this fall.

Rug manufacturers are adding equipment for tufting, a process similar to hooking, to their plants, according to Miss Ruth K. Kimble, extension home economist, Lancaster County.

One reason for this new development is excellent consumer response to the tufted floor coverings, which give more quality for the money than woven rugs. This is because of the taster and therefore lower-cost manufacturing processes. More fiber goes into each rug and the pile is higher. For this reason wool is not generally used for tufting.

Most tufted rugs are made of cotton, rayon, and blends at pres-

ent. Special soil-resistant finishes are beginning to be applied to the manmade fibre rugs. Need for such treatment was pointed up by the present trend toward light-colored rugs. Those containing manmade fibers tended to soil faster because many manmades have a static attraction for dirt.

Another trend in floor coverings is toward more pattern and design to complement the many plain textures being shown in other home furnishings. Tweeds, florals, and contemporary treatments in smooth-surface carpetments in pile rugs and metallic ing are among present offerings.

Though wool is still top favorite as a rug fiber, the use of manmade fibers alone or in blends is widening considerably. Cotton is still a popular choice.

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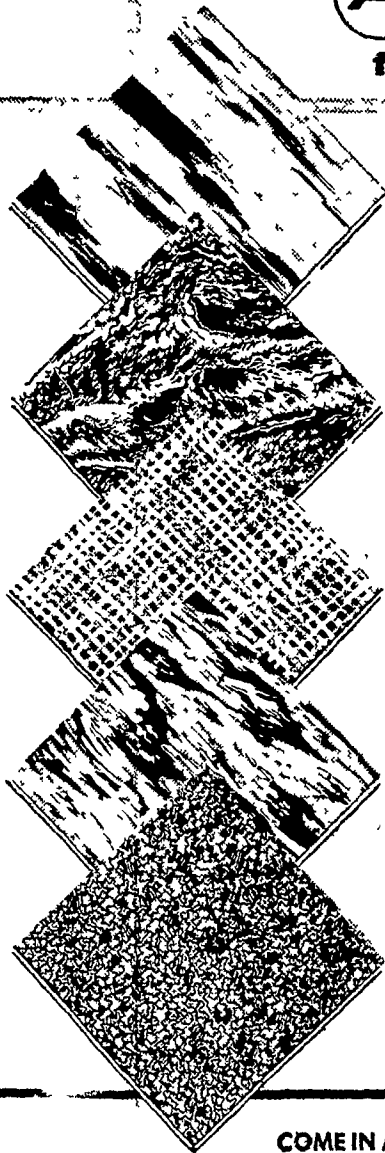
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