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# Muffin & Quick Bread Mixes

TIME FOR A HOLIDAY TREAT: WE BAKED MORE THAN 50 MIXES TO FIND THE VERY BEST.

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**BEST PUMPKIN****Libby's Pumpkin Bread Kit**

Pumpkin spice aficionados will love this warmly spiced quick bread. A can of real pumpkin rounds out the ingredient list (and comes in the box). One mix makes two loaves: Save one for yourself and gift one to your holiday host.

**TO BUY:** \$5; at grocery stores.

**BEST SAVORY****Soberdough Sea Salt & Cracked Pepper**

Just 12 ounces of beer (or seltzer) transforms this cute sack into an irresistible loaf. Serve it warm with weeknight soups or alongside the turkey and gravy.

**TO BUY:** \$9; at grocery stores.

**BEST CINNAMON****King Arthur Flour Essential Goodness Cinnamon Sugar Puff Muffin Mix**

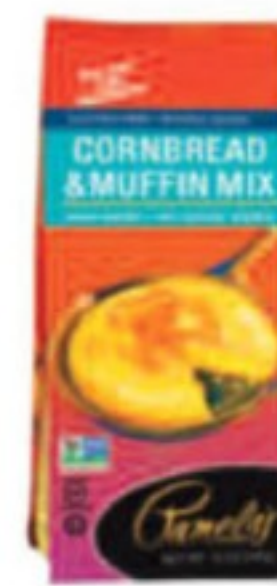
Golden on the outside and fluffy on the inside, these muffins are everything you want in a doughnut, minus the frying. They're right at home at an after-Thanksgiving brunch.

**TO BUY:** \$5; at grocery stores.

**BEST CRANBERRY****The Invisible Chef Cranberry Pecan Coffee & Tea Cake Baking Mix**

Honey-sweetened pecans and dried cranberries stud this pretty tea cake. It comes together in a snap and tastes even better on the second (and third) day. It freezes well too.

**TO BUY:** \$8; amazon.com.

**BEST CORNBREAD****Pamela's Products Cornbread & Muffin Mix**

The golden crust and big corn flavor made this sunny-yellow bread a winner. Tasters didn't even realize it was gluten-free, thanks to its tender crumb. Bake it in a cast-iron skillet for a Southern-style edge. **TO BUY:** \$5.50; at grocery stores.