

MACARON ESSENTIALS

these are the items I use or recommend to create macarons



Silicone Sheet



I like the thin margin coupled with the double line guide for piping 11-5/8" x 16-1/2"



Silpat



Silpat is the original, high quality nonstick sheet if you want to splurge Silpat 11-5/8" x 16-1/2"



Piping Tips



We have used the same Ateco piping tips since Belle Kitchen opened in 2015 Ateco #804 SS Plain Pastry Piping Tip



Gel Dye



I started off with this Americolor student kit. It's a fun selection if you plan to use food color in the future. Otherwise, a single gel dye will do the trick for class. AmeriColor Student Kit Soft Gel Paste



Bowl scrapers are often more handy and flexible than spatulas. Ateco Bowl Scraper



In the bakery, we use disposable piping bags that comein rolls of 100. An 18" bag will be great for macaronage and buttercream and is reuseable:) Ateco Decorating Bag, 18" Reusable



A good sheet pan will not bend in the oven. Look for ones that are wrapped on the edge. These Nordicware pans are great but I often find fantastic sheet pans on my local, discount homegoods store.



Scale



Macaron recipes are precise and sometimes a few grams off can make a difference. I have been using this basic scale for a few years and love it. It can manage the weight of most recipes and easily tares out to 0.





There are plenty of substitutions - here are some: common and not so common ones that work well ... silicone sheet - parchment paper piping bag - zip lock
scraper - spatula
piping tip - zip lock
oven - air fryer - yes I have done it:)
almond flour - pecan or hazelnut, same wt
heavy cream - milk or half and half
Question? cheryl@belle-kitchen.com

