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Push · up Pops are the perfect treat for any occasion. This is a must-have book for all party lovers! — Tori Spelling

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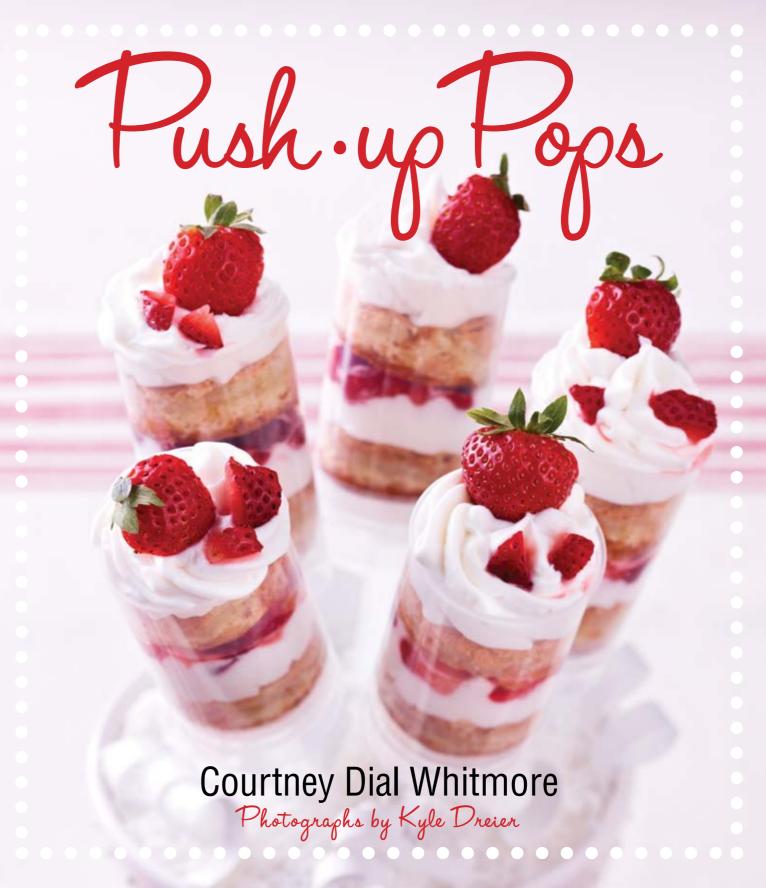


Whether you're an experienced pastry chef or a home baker, you'll fall in love with Courtney's fun interpretation of Push • up Pops. These are great to make with your kids and will be a hit at any party. — Amy Atlas









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Serve them at weddings, baby showers, children's birthday parties, or any holiday bash! Push-up pops lend themselves perfectly to themed parties all year round. The single serving dessert molds hold everything from frozen fruit Popsicles to ice cream sundae creations to mini wedding cakes to pudding parfaits. With beautiful, colorful layers, push-up pops are a sweet addition to any gathering. Easy to make, fun to decorate, delicious to eat!













## Birthday Brownie Sundae

Party Tip: Add fun to any occasion with these mini brownie sundaes. Coordinate your party colors and decorate push-up pops with patterned ribbon secured with hot glue. Head to your fabric store for dozens of designs and prints to create tablecloths. Decorate in red and aqua for a whimsical and retro touch to your party.

 $\bf 8$  (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate

1 cup butter

 ${\bf 5\,eggs, room\, temperature}$ 

3 cups sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon almond extract

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups all-purpose flour

1 (6-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips

Whipped cream

**Sprinkles** 

Maraschino cherries

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt chocolate and butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring often. Cool slightly. Beat eggs, sugar, vanilla, and almond extract in a large mixing bowl until combined (2 to 3 minutes). Add the melted chocolate mixture and beat on low speed. Next add the flour and beat just to blend. Stir in the chocolate chips. Pour into a greased jelly roll pan. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in pan.

Use push-up pop to cut out circles of brownies. Stack 2 brownie circles in each push-up pop. Just before serving, top with whipped cream. Garnish with sprinkles and cherry.

**Yields 17 push-up pops** 



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