

## Bake up a batch of buttery biscuits

## Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1½ teaspoons sugar
- 9 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- Jam, for serving

## Instructions

- 1. Heat the oven to 400° F. Stir together the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, and sugar in a large bowl. Dice 8 tablespoons of the butter into small cubes, then use a pastry cutter to cut them into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse sand. (Tip: If you don't have a pastry cutter, you can also blend the butter into the flour by cutting it in a crisscross motion with two butter knives.)
- **2.** Drizzle the buttermilk over the flour mixture. Use a wooden spoon to stir it together until it forms a rough dough. Do not knead.
- **3.** Pat the dough into a ½-inch-thick rectangle. Use a butter knife to cut it into three equal pieces, then stack them like a tower and shape into a rectangle. Pat the dough into a ½-inch-thick rectangle once more.
- 4. Use a 3-inch round cookie cutter to cut dough into biscuits. Gather and re-roll the dough as needed. Put biscuits on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- 5. Melt the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and brush it onto the biscuits. Bake until golden brown on the top and bottom, about 15 to 20 minutes, rotating pan halfway through. Serve with jam. Makes about 10 biscuits.



Fall is the perfect time of year to plant tulip bulbs, when the ground is cool but not yet frozen. The bulbs will produce flowers in spring, providing food for pollinators like bees. To get started, visit a nursery to select bulbs in the colors you like best. You can plant them in a sunny spot in the ground or in a container with drainage holes. Read the labels on your bulbs to determine how deep a hole to dig, and plant each bulb with the pointy end facing up. Space bulbs a few inches apart, with taller bulbs in the rear and shorter bulbs in front. Cover with soil and water after planting. Water again only when the soil feels dry. Then wait for a burst of blooms in the spring!

