

How to Scan Your Recipe Card

(or let us scan it for you)

Grandma's handwriting, the coffee ring, the note in the margin: that's what makes it special, and we want every bit of it on your piece. The laser engraves exactly what it sees, so a good scan is the secret.

Why a scanner, not a phone photo?

Phone photos are almost always a little tilted, a little shadowy and a little blurry. The laser engraves every shadow it sees, so that grey corner from your hand turns into a dark smudge on the wood. A flatbed scanner gives a flat, even, sharp copy every time.

Scanning it yourself

1. **Use a flatbed scanner** (the kind with a glass top and a lid). Most home printers that copy can scan too.
2. **Lay the card face down** on the glass, tucked into the top corner, and close the lid.
3. **Set it to Colour and 300 DPI**. DPI is the sharpness setting. 300 is just right; anything lower can look fuzzy on wood.
4. **Scan the whole card**, edges and all. Please don't crop it. We'll do the tidying.
5. **Save it as a JPG or PDF** and give it a name you'll recognize, like *grandmas-cinnamon-buns.jpg*.

No scanner at home? Try your public library, an office supply store's print centre, or the scanner at work. Ask for "colour, 300 DPI, saved as a JPG or PDF."

Or let us scan it for you

Not a tech person? No problem at all. Send us the original and we'll scan it at 300 DPI for you.

- **Drop it off at the Barn** (just north of St. Gregor, SK). Send us a note first so we're there to meet you.
- **Or mail it to us**. E-mail us for our mailing address. Tuck it in a sturdy envelope with a piece of cardboard so it doesn't bend.
- We handle every card like it's our own grandma's, and **it comes back to you with your order**.

Sending us your scan

1. On the product page, use the **upload** button to attach your file before you add it to your cart.
2. More than one card, or forgot to attach it? E-mail it to **hello@greybarn.ca** with your order number.

Good to know

- **Stains, smudges and margin notes** are part of the charm. Tell us in the notes box if you'd like them kept or cleaned up.
- **Faded pencil** can be tricky. We'll give you an honest answer before we go ahead.
- **We always e-mail you a proof** before anything is engraved, so you'll see exactly how it will look.
- Photos work too, on our full colour pieces. Send the biggest copy you have, never a screenshot.