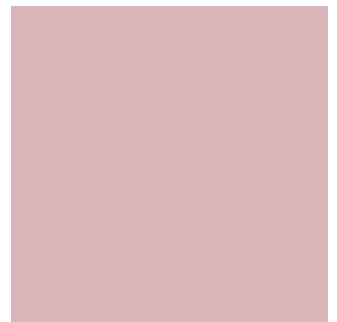
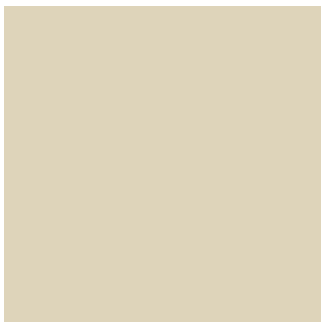
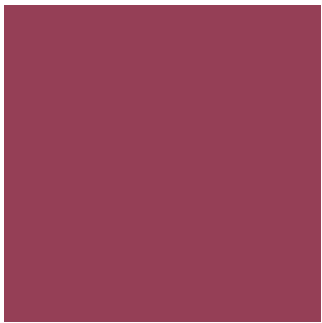


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Cooking with  
Friends & Family***

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Toni and Nick Dorochoff,  
in appreciation for all they taught us  
about family, food, and friends.*

*Dedicated to my husband,  
Joe Beason,  
who continues to teach me daily.*

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