What to Do When Food Doesn’t Brown

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2. Blueberry muffins
3. Chicken
4. Fish
5. Hamburgers
6. Pork chops
7. Scrambled eggs
8. Spice cake
9. Tuna casserole
10. White cupcakes

Listed below are some things that you can use to hide the pale color of foods that do not brown:

barbeque sauce  coconut  frosting  powdered sugar
chopped nuts  crushed potato chips  paprika  taco seasoning
cinnamon & sugar  onion soup mix  parsley  teriyaki sauce

On the line beside each of the foods at the top of the page, write one or more ways to cover the pale color. For example, banana bread can be topped with coconut or chopped nuts or powdered sugar. Then no one would notice that the bread had not browned.

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2. Blueberry muffins  cinnamon & sugar, chopped nuts
3. Chicken  barbeque sauce, paprika, parsley, teriyaki sauce
4. Fish  onion soup mix, paprika, parsley
5. Hamburgers  barbeque sauce, onion mix, taco seasoning
6. Pork chops  barbeque sauce, taco seasoning
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