



Cookobel

User guide

Welcome to Cookobel! With this app, all your recipes are in one place: the notes from the kitchen drawer, photos from cookbooks and recipes from the internet – on your device, with no ads and no sign-up.

What you can do

- Photograph a recipe or paste a link – the AI digitises it. **Your first 5 AI digitisations are on us.**
- Scale quantities, see the nutrition per serving and cook step by step
- Let the app suggest a meal plan for the week – with a shopping list
- Swap recipes with family and friends – on a visit or from afar
- Link up to 4 devices in your household, for example yours and your partner's
- Edit long recipes comfortably on a computer – connected directly to your device

Good to know

- Your recipes are stored only on your devices, not on the internet.
- Your household's name is at the top next to the logo. You can change it in the menu .:
- The free version has room for 10 recipes. The full version is bought once and works on all your household's devices.
- Questions and feedback: on the contact page at **cookobel.de/en/**.

1 Install the app

1. Open the **Google Play Store** on your Android device and search for **"Cookobel"**.
2. Tap **"Install"**.
3. Tap **"Open"** – the squirrel appears for a moment.
4. Enter a name for your household, for example "The Summers", and a name for the device. Then tap **"Create household"**. That's it – no account, no email address, no password.

Google Play installs new versions automatically – your recipes stay as they are. Already using Cookobel on another device in your household? Then tap "Scan QR code and link" instead (section 9). New device? "Already have a backup?" brings everything back (section 6).



When it opens: the squirrel, for a moment

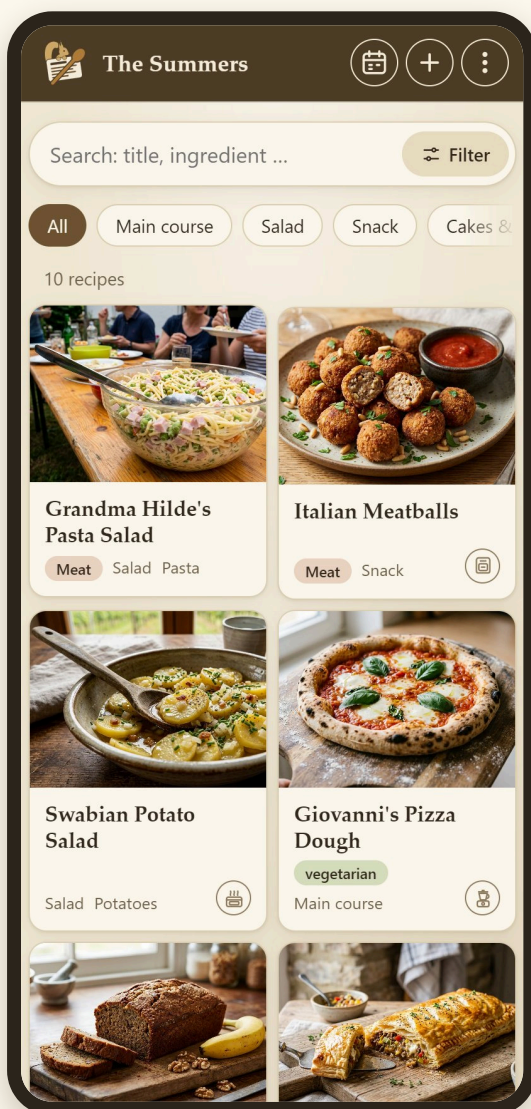


Create your household

2 Find recipes

The home screen shows all your recipes as cards. At first your collection is empty – the next pages show how to add recipes.

- **Search** at the top: by title, ingredient or tag.
- Tap a **category** (Main course, Soup ...) to filter. The **Filter** button next to the search opens the tags (vegetarian, Thermomix ...) and the sort order. Chosen tags appear below the categories; the ✕ removes them again.
- At the top right: **calendar** = meal plan, **+** = new recipe, **three dots** : = menu: Back up & sync, Share, Edit on a computer, AI capture & credit, Full version, Language & display.
- Tap a recipe to open it.



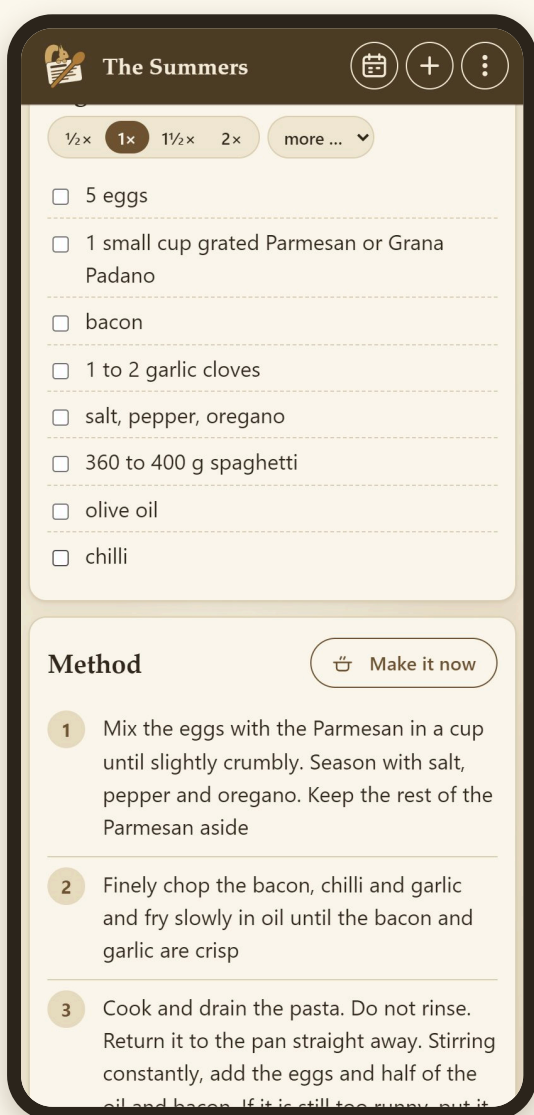
The home screen with all your recipes



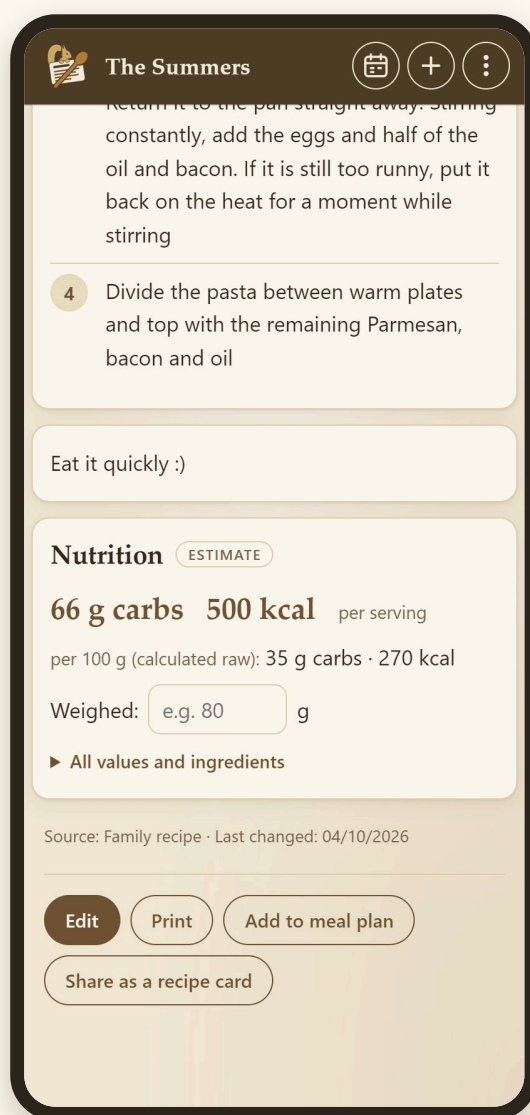
A recipe with a photo

3 In the recipe

- **Scale quantities:** tap $\frac{1}{2}\times$ to $3\times$ (more under “more ...”) – every quantity changes with it, the servings too.
- **Tick off ingredients** as you cook.
- Below that, the **method** step by step. “**Make it now**” takes you through it full screen, one step at a time.
- At the very bottom, the **nutrition** per serving and per 100 g, with carbohydrate in grams – estimates, for guidance only.
- **Edit, Print, Add to meal plan** and “**Share as a recipe card**” – for example via WhatsApp to your family.



Scale quantities, tick off ingredients



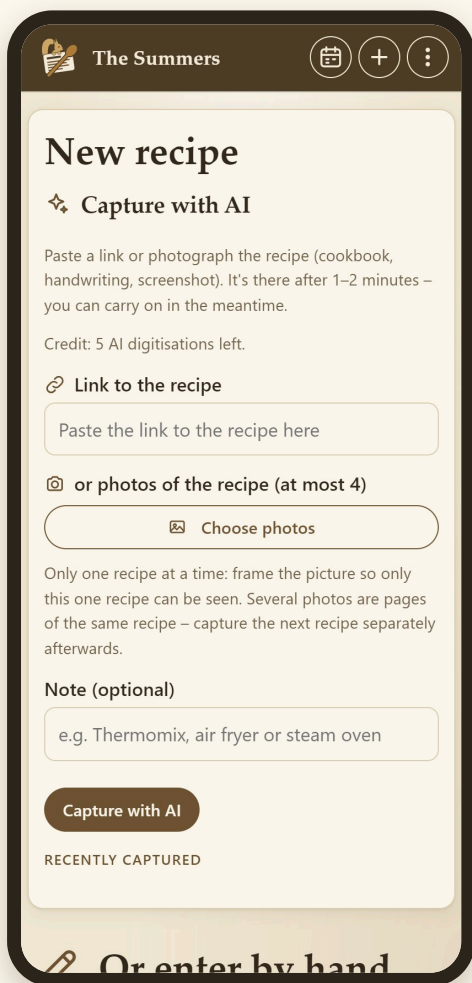
Nutrition, Edit and Share

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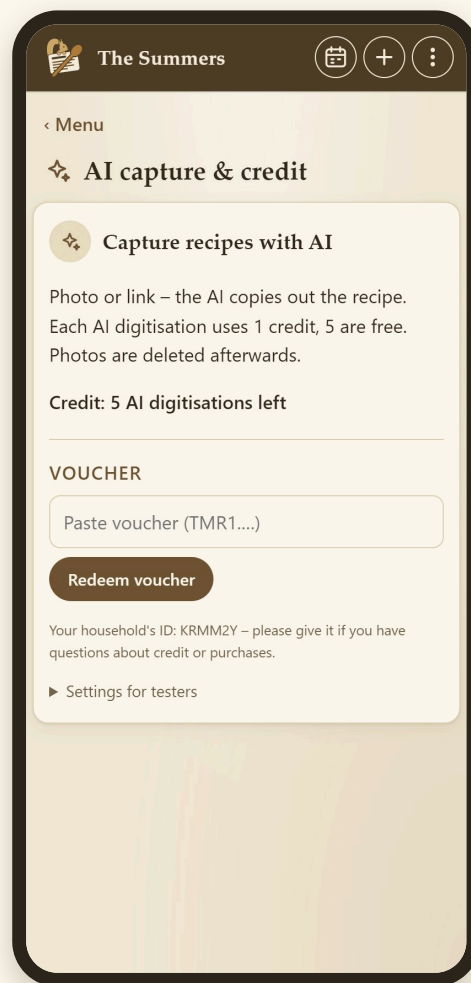
New recipes with AI

1. Tap “+” at the top right.
2. Paste a **link** to a recipe – or choose **photos** of the recipe: a cookbook page, handwriting or a screenshot.
3. If you like, add a note, for example “Thermomix recipe”.
4. Tap “**Capture with AI**”. After 1–2 minutes the recipe is in your collection – you can do something else in the meantime.
5. Digitised wrongly or not completely? At the bottom, under “Recently captured”, tap “**Report a problem**”, write briefly what isn't right and tap “**Report**”. This doesn't use any credit.

Your first 5 AI digitisations are on us. Need more? In the menu : → “AI capture & credit” you buy them through Google Play – for the whole household, and they never expire. Got a voucher? Tap “Redeem voucher” there. Prefer to type? At the bottom of the “+” page: “Or enter by hand” – that's always free.



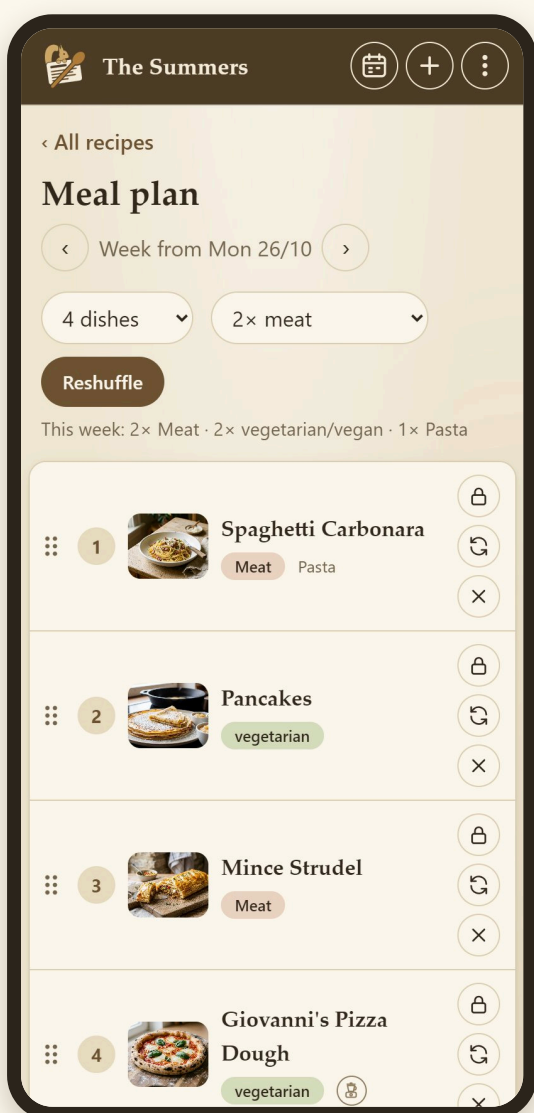
Link or photos – the AI digitises



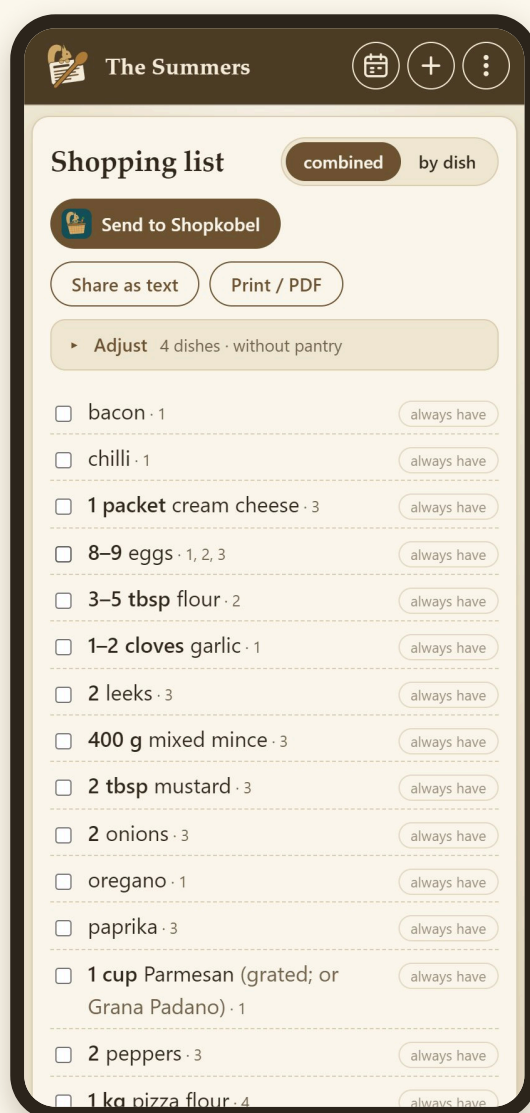
Menu : → AI capture & credit

5 Meal plan and shopping list

- The **calendar button** at the top opens the meal plan. The app suggests dishes for the week – you choose at the top how many, and how often there's meat or fish.
- **“Reshuffle”** for new suggestions. The **lock** keeps a dish, the **arrows** swap it for a different one.
- Below that, the **shopping list**: combined or by dish. Tick things off while you shop, or send the list with “Share”, for example via WhatsApp. Under “Adjust” you choose the dishes and combine identical ingredients.
- Things you always have at home (salt, oil ...) are left off the list. Use “always have” to add more.



The meal plan



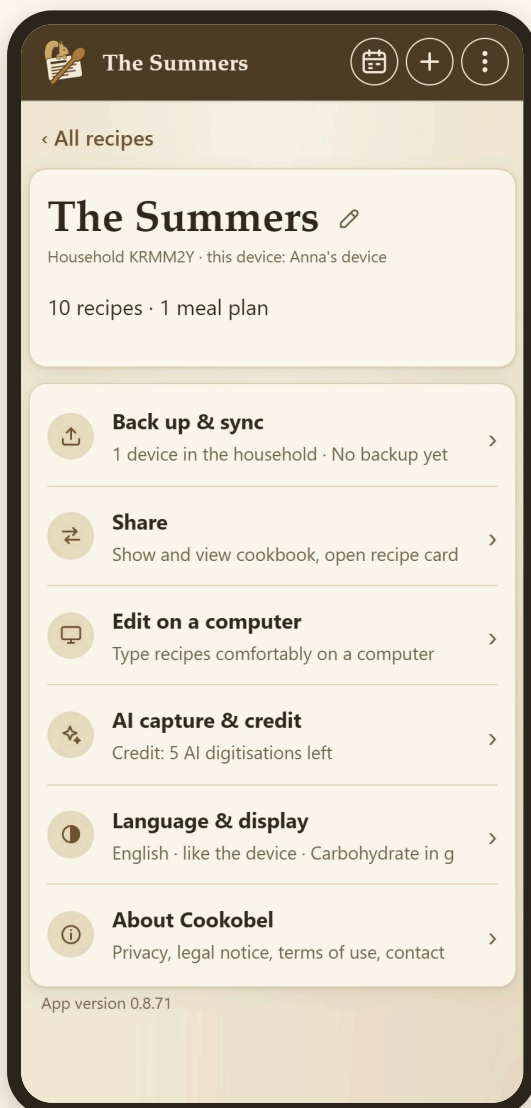
The shopping list

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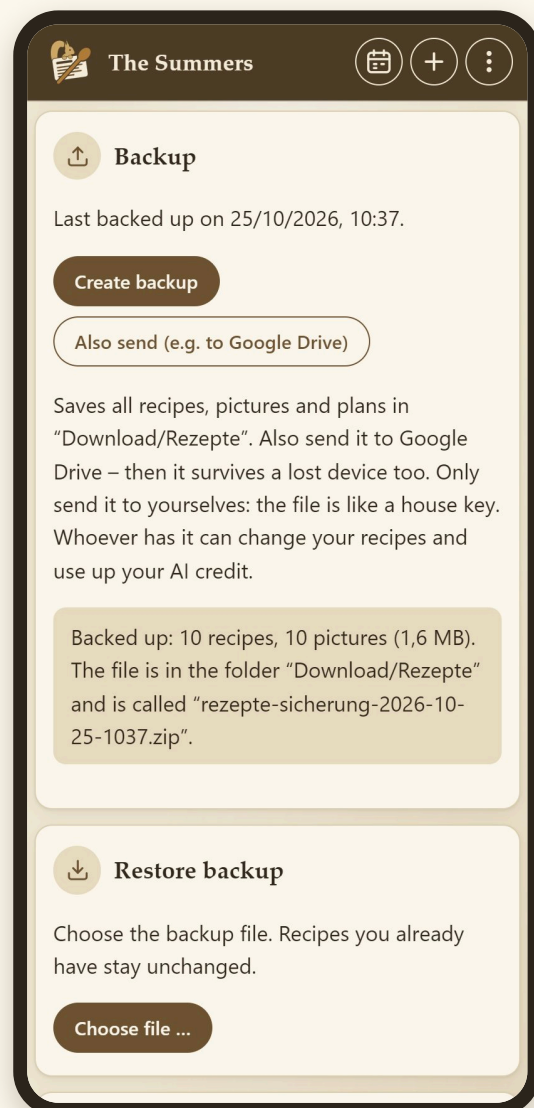
Household and backup

- The **three dots** : at the top right open the menu – your household at the top, the areas of the app below. Tap the **pencil** next to the name to change it.
- **“Back up & sync”** → **“Create backup”**: the file is saved in the **“Download/Rezepte”** folder on your device – the app tells you exactly what it's called. With **“Also send”** you can send it to Google Drive – then it survives a lost device too.
- **Restore** (new device or app reinstalled): when the app starts, tap “Already have a backup?”, or go to the menu : → “Back up & sync” → “Restore backup”, and choose the file. A bar shows the progress.
- **Deleted by mistake?** Recipes stay in the bin for 30 days: “Back up & sync” → “Open bin” → “Restore”.

Please make a backup now and then. Only send it to yourself – the file is like a house key.



The menu : your household and the areas



Backup created – with folder and file name

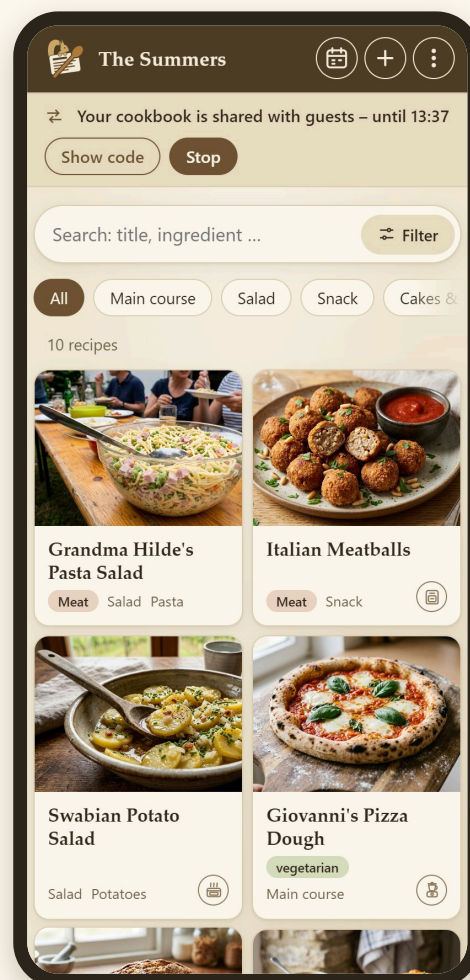
On a visit: show your cookbook

1. In the menu : → **"Share"**, tap **"Show cookbook"**. Your cookbook is now shared with your guests; the QR code gives them access.
2. Your guest opens the menu : → "Share" in their app, taps **"View cookbook (scan QR)"** and scans the code.
3. They search and browse your recipes, read them like their own and take whatever they like. They can't change anything.
4. Doing something else in between? No problem: as long as the cookbook is shared, it stays in the menu : → "Share" – just tap **"Open"** again, without scanning again. This way you can also look at several cookbooks in turn.

Fastest on the same Wi-Fi. Without shared Wi-Fi, for example in a café, the devices connect directly – turn on Bluetooth and allow "Nearby devices" the first time. Sharing runs for 3 hours, even while you carry on using the app. During that time there's a bar at the top – tap **"Stop"** to end it straight away.



The code for your guests



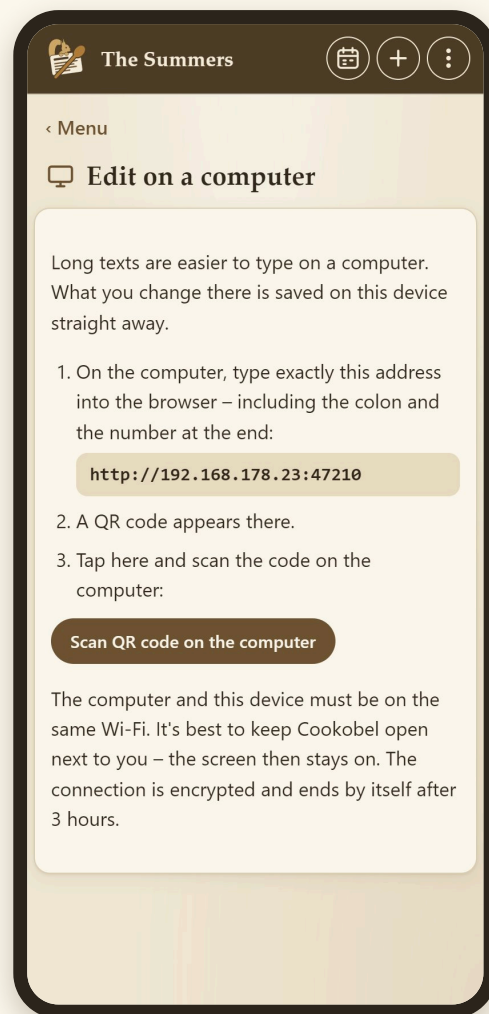
The bar: your cookbook is shared

8 Edit on a computer

Long texts are easier to type on a computer. Your recipes stay on your device – the computer only shows them, and every change is saved on the device straight away.

1. The device and the computer must be on the **same Wi-Fi**. On the device, tap menu : → **"Edit on a computer"**. It shows an address, for example **http://192.168.178.23:47210**.
2. Type this address into the browser on your computer – **exactly like that**, with the colon and the number at the end. A QR code appears.
3. On the device, tap **"Scan QR code on the computer"** and scan the code.
4. Now your recipes are on the computer: edit, add new ones, upload photos, plan the week. At the top it says which device you're connected to.

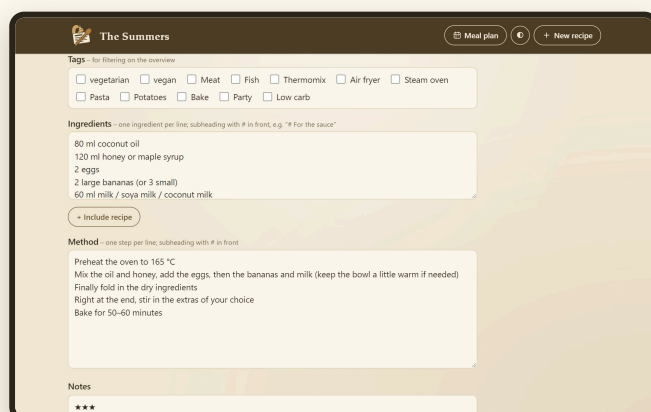
Keep Cookobel open on the device next to you – the screen then stays on. The computer shows "Your device isn't responding right now"? Open Cookobel on the device briefly; what you've typed stays saved. A note about battery use? **"Open battery settings"** → "Battery" → **"Unrestricted"**. It ends after 3 hours, or with "End connection" on the device or "Disconnect" on the computer.



On the device: the address for the computer



On the computer: scan this code with the device



Editing on the computer – saved on the device straight away

A second device and recipe cards

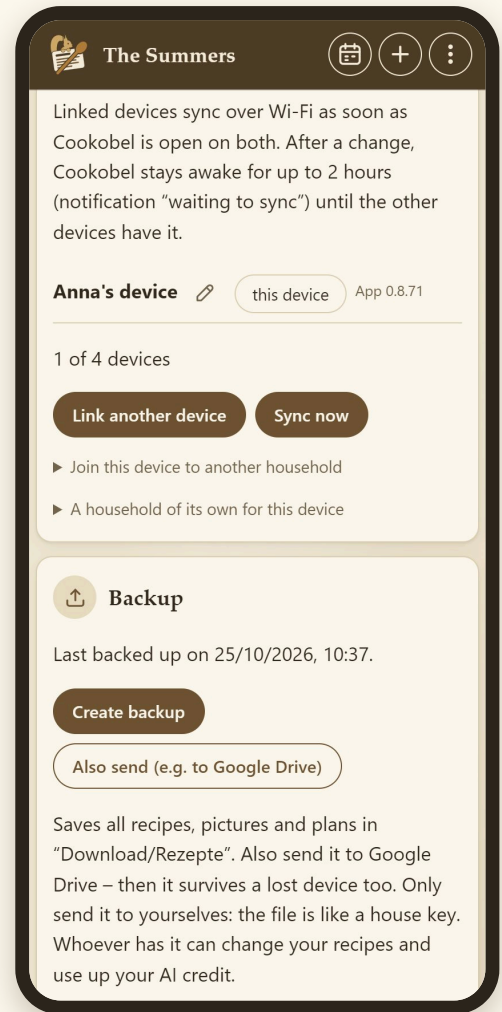
- **A second device in the household** (your partner's, for example): on the first device, menu : → "Back up & sync" → **"Link another device"**. On the second device, at the first start, tap **"Scan QR code and link"**. Then both sync over Wi-Fi – or with "Sync now". The app must be open on **both** devices.
- **Device in the wrong household?** Menu : → "Back up & sync", at the bottom "Join this device to another household", and scan the linking code – the recipes on this device come along.
- **Recipe card:** in the recipe, at the bottom, tap "Share as a recipe card" and send it, for example via WhatsApp. Whoever gets it opens the file with the app ("Open with" → Cookobel) or in the menu : → "Share" → "Open recipe card".

If something doesn't work

- **Syncing doesn't work:** Cookobel open on both devices, the same Wi-Fi, the latest version on both.
- **"Your AI digitisations are used up":** menu : → "AI capture & credit" – buy new ones or redeem a voucher.
- **The scanner doesn't open:** paste the voucher as text and tap "Redeem pasted voucher".

Questions and feedback

What do you like, what's missing? Write to us on the contact page at cookobel.de/en/ – ideally with a screenshot. A recipe digitised wrongly? Use "Report a problem" in the app (section 4).



Back up & sync: devices in the household