

MasterChef 2022 finalist Pookie at home in her own kitchen and garden

Pookie baking at home as she makes a gold medal cheesecake for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

From more than 10,000 applicants for the last series of MasterChef, Solihull's Pookie made the final three after starting out with 44 fellow contestants all aiming for the top prize.

We then challenged her to see if she could make something special for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The former beauty salon owner then created her own gold medal cheesecake and we filmed her making it during a Facebook Live broadcast on our BirminghamLive Facebook page.

As you can see from the pictures below, the cheesecake was a clear winner!





Pookie at home in Solihull



Pookie makes a gold medal cheesecake for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games



Pookie with a mango that gave the cheesecake its main flavour



Pookie in her garden



Pookie made a gold medal cheesecake for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games



Pookie at home in her garden



Pookie relaxing in her garden



Having fun: Pookie during BirminghamLive's Facebook Live from her kitchen hosted by Graham Young



Pookie in her kitchen



Fun-loving Pookie at home in her garden



Pookie with her Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Gold Medal cheesecake



Pookie at home in Solihull with her Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Game' gold medal cheesecake with jelly chain and clasps made from Wether's originals, also covered with gold leaf – topped off with an edible paper label and served with mango sauce



A gold medal cheesecake for Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games created by Masterchef 2022 finalist Pookie, from Solihull



Masterchef 2022 finalists (l-r): Sarah from Kinross via Inverness, Ian from Salford (via North Wales), Pookie, Solihull; Eddie from Beverley via Leicester and Radha from Bradford.



Pookie's official picture when she began to take part in Masterchef 2022

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