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Mei Melcon / Los Angeles Times

SMOOTH COMBINATIONS: A range of flavors can jazz up classic homemade mayonnaise. Add fresh tarragon and stone-ground mustard, top; sprinkle in a pinch of saffron, middle; or spice things up with a purée of roasted piquillo peppers.

THE SAUCIER

A mayo clinic: basic homemade mayonnaise

With an immersion blender, making basic mayonnaise is easy. Then once you master the original, get creative and spike it with mustard, tarragon, saffron or piquillo pepper.

By Amy Scattergood, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer
September 10, 2008

Eating homemade mayonnaise is the kind of luxurious pleasure -- like eating chocolate in the bath -- that shouldn't require apology. Rich yet subtle in flavor, with a pillowy texture, homemade mayo is nothing like the pale, cloying stuff you get out of a jar.

It dresses up too. Spiked with

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