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Taste Off: Fig Newtons

The fruity sandwich cookies have a retro appeal, especially for those of us with a particular fondness for figs. See the results of our blind taste test (on a scale of 1 to 5) and decide if it's worth making them at home. —Casey Barber, goodfoodstories.com



Fig Newtons / \$3.99 for 30
(\$0.13/cookie)



Newman's Own Fig Newmann / \$3.79
for 30 (\$0.13/cookie)



Homemade / \$10.39 for 48
(\$0.22/cookie)

Taste Although a little soapy-tasting in comparison to the other fig fillings, this cookie's familiar sweet softness carried it up the charts.

Score: 4

This stale cookie tasted way too artificial for something organic.

Score: 1.8

With bracing tartness and a sweet finish, the real fig filling inside this cookie crust stands alone as a rewarding snack or dessert (not punishment).

Score: 5

Texture The cakey, velvety texture goes down easy, but the Newton feels a little fake between the teeth.

Score: 2.6

The chewy texture of the pastry saves the cookie from utter ruin, but the thick, gluey filling overwhelms.

Score: 1.8

Though the fig/cookie ratio is uneven in spots, the strong contrast between dough and filling is satisfying to sink your teeth into.

Score: 4.6

Experience All aboard the nostalgia train. This is the quintessential snack time cookie from lunches-in-the-all-purpose-room days of our youth.

Score: 3

We expected so much more from Saint Paul and his philanthropic edibles. Sadly, this was the only cookie left mostly untouched.

Score: 1

The bites are uneven, unless you've got professional pastry skills. You can probably chalk that up as a positive (points for homemade charm) in the end.

Score: 5

Overall Score: 3.2

Score: 1.5

Score: 4.87 for the win! Visit readymade.com/magazine for the recipe.