



A cooking school started by a 17-year-old newcomer

Anastasiia Stepanenko, 19, is the founder of Cookiddoo, a cooking school for children in Kanata, Ottawa. Born in Kharkiv, she came to Ottawa with her family in 2023 and registered Cookiddoo at 17. For two years she has taught children aged 4 to 15 to cook real meals from scratch. Cookiddoo has been featured on CTV Ottawa and in Edible Ottawa.

Anastasiia Stepanenko is from Kharkiv. After the full-scale invasion her family moved to Kyiv, then spent a year in Stuttgart, where she finished high school, and came to Ottawa in 2023. She went on to Earl of March Secondary School in Kanata.

Her first class was a summer cooking camp at Rideau Gymnastics in Kanata, where she was the cooking coach. After that summer she rented a room in the same building and registered Cookiddoo at 17. She is the sole founder and paid for the start herself.



Anastasiia Stepanenko with a student • © Cookiddoo

Founder	Anastasiia Stepanenko, 19
From	Kharkiv, Ukraine; in Ottawa since 2023
Founded	2025, Kanata (Ottawa)
What	Kids-only cooking school, women-owned
Ages	4 to 15, up to 10 children per instructor
Programs	Junior Chef Academy (8 weeks), master classes, birthday parties at home, school and camp workshops
Classes in	English and French
Studio	150 Katimavik Rd, Unit 301, Kanata, ON
Rating	4.6 on Google, 29 reviews
Web	cookiddoo.com • Instagram @cookiddoo.ca

As seen on CTV and in Edible Ottawa

CTV Ottawa • Building kids confidence through learning how to cook • Aug 7, 2026 • 5:43

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/ottawa/video/2026/08/07/building-kids-confidence-through-learning-how-to-cook/>

CTV Your Morning • Kids Cooking Classes with Cookiddoo • Jul 8, 2026 • 5:11

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/ottawa/video/2026/07/08/kids-cooking-classes-with-cookiddoo/>

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<https://edibleottawa.ediblecommunities.com/stories/cooking-with-confidence/>

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