When you're trying to find recipes, there are two places to tell Mangia! what kind of recipes you want to see: the Recipe Finders. The Quick Recipe Finder is a simple, straightforward searching tool, while the Full Recipe Finder contains the full range of options available for zeroing in on what you want to eat. You reach the former by clicking on the Match What button (in either the Recipe Browser or a Recipe File Window). If you hold down the Option key when you click on Match What you get the Full Finder instead. There is also a button in the Quick Finder that takes you to the Full Finder directly.

Both Recipe Finders contain a variety of self-explanatory text boxes, accompanied by Dictionary Buttons where a Term from the Dictionary is expected. The Finding Recipes Help topic includes a variety of subtopics for dealing with them.

Although both Recipe Finders let you specify many different characteristics for recipes, it's important to realize that only recipes that match everything you specify will be shown. In other words, everything you add to either selection window reduces the list of recipes you'll get out of it.

In both Recipe Finders there is a Clear All button that removes all the existing specifications, letting you start with a clean slate.