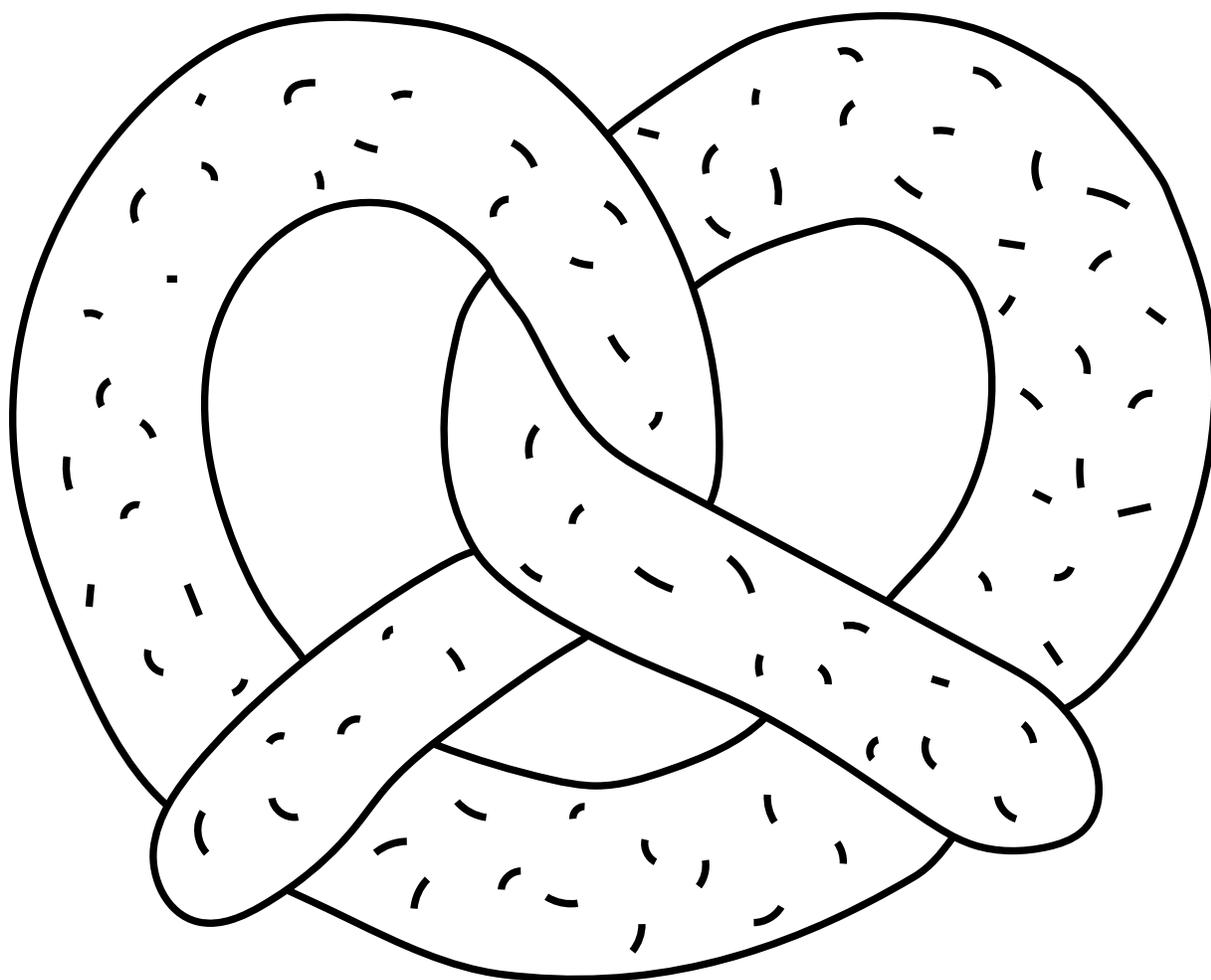


# Kitchen Chemistry



The baking soda bath is basic. The basic solution causes the Maillard reaction in the pretzel dough to speed up and makes the pretzel brown and yummy!