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Homemade Gingersnaps

Yield: 4 dozen

adapted from Del Monte Holiday Entertainment Guide, c. 1980s



Ingredients

- 3/4 c shortening
- I c sugar
- 1/4 c dark molasses
- 1 egg
- 2 c sifted flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt
- granulated sugar (for rolling)

Instructions

- I. In large bowl, cream together shortening and I cup sugar. Add molasses and egg and beat well.
- 2. Sift together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, and salt. Add sifted dry ingredients to the wet mixture and mix well.
- 3. Cover the dough and chill in refrigerator.
- 4. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- 5. Form dough into 1-inch balls and roll in granulated sugar. Place on greased cookie sheets 2 inches apart.
- 6. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand one minute, then remove to wire racks. Cool.

Note: if using butter, cookies will be flatter; add more flour for a stiffer dough and mounded shape.