

Gingerbread snowflake cookies



Prep time:
15 minutes

Baking time:
15 minutes



Chill time:
1 hour



Yield:
24 - 48 cookies

Ingredients

Cookies

- ☐ ½ cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- ☐ ½ cup (125 mL) brown sugar
- ☐ 1 egg
- ☐ 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla extract
- ☐ 1 ¼ cup (310 mL) unbleached all-purpose flour
- ☐ 1 cup (250 mL) whole wheat flour
- ☐ ½ tsp (2 mL) ground ginger
- ☐ ½ tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
- ☐ A pinch ground cloves
- ☐ A pinch ground nutmeg
- ☐ ¼ cup (60 mL) milk

Frosting

- ☐ 1 cup (250 mL) icing sugar
- ☐ 4 tsp (20 mL) hot water
- ☐ Optional/to taste sprinkles or small candies for decorating

Preparation

- 1 Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a large bowl and using an electric mixer, beat butter and brown sugar.
- 3 Add egg and vanilla extract. Beat until smooth, about 3-4 minutes.
- 4 In a separate bowl, mix flours and spices.
- 5 Gradually add dry mixture and milk to wet mixture, alternating between the two to form dough.
- 6 Shape the dough into a ball, cover, and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- 7 On a floured work surface, roll out dough to about ¼ inch (½ cm) thick and use a snowflake-shaped cookie cutter (or whichever shape you like) to cut out cookies.
- 8 Lay cookies on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone baking sheet.
- 9 Bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes or until slightly golden. Let cool on rack.
- 10 Meanwhile, mix icing sugar and hot water.
- 11 Decorate cookies with icing and sprinkles.

mix very powerfully



(the chef in training)

's tasks

- ☐ Measure the dry ingredients
- ☐ Roll out the dough
- ☐ Cut out the cookie shapes
- ☐ Serve milk with the cookies



Who will you eat these cookies with?

for your teacher, aunt, friend...

A super sweet gift idea!

Layer the dry ingredients in a glass jar and close. Then, write out the recipe instructions (in your best handwriting) on a tag and tie it around the jar with a colourful ribbon.



The

your last name

family grocery list

Fruits and veggies

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Bread and baked goods

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Meat and fish

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Dairy products

☐ ½ cup (125 mL) butter

☐ ¼ cup (60 mL) milk

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Other refrigerated foods

☐ 1 egg

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Frozen foods

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Non-perishable food

☐ ½ cup (125 mL) brown sugar

☐ 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla extract

☐ 1 ¼ cup (310 mL) unbleached all-purpose flour

☐ 1 cup (250 mL) whole wheat flour

☐ ½ tsp (2 mL) ground ginger

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☐ A pinch ground cloves

☐ A pinch ground nutmeg

☐ 1 cup (250 mL) icing sugar

☐ Optional/to taste sprinkles or small candies for decorating

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The lovely oddball snowman

it'll be sillier
this way

Without looking at the story over on the next page, add the missing story elements below. When you're done, transcribe them onto the next page in the corresponding blank numbered spaces.

a fill-in story



1 Your **name**

2 Part of your **face**

3 A good **name** for a pet

4 An **animal**

5 Your best **friend**

6 An **action** verb (pick one)

twirling surfing diving rolling bouncing

7 An item of **clothing**

8 A type of imaginary **creature** (plural)

9 Something that's very **large** (plural)

10 A food that's **long** in shape

11 Something that's very **small** (plural)

12 A **colour**

13 A **family** member (pick one)

dad uncle grandpa big brother

14 A type of **bug**

15 The main **colour** of the food in #10

The lovely oddball snowman



by _____

On the 5th morning of the winter holidays, _____ is awoken by something nibbling away at his/her

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_____. It's just _____, the house _____

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looking for a good belly rub. _____ jumps out of bed and peeks out the window, hoping for

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snow. _____ will be coming over. Nothing beats _____ in the snow over

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the holidays. Luckily for them, the street and cars are covered by a blanket of snow. There's not a mailbox in sight! After scarfing

down breakfast, _____ dresses hurriedly, putting on a _____ instead of his/her tuque.

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Doesn't matter. _____ is already waiting in the yard, making snow-_____.

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It's time to play and what a wonderful day for a snowman! The two friends start rolling and stacking three great snowballs about

the size of _____. They dress him up: two stones for eyes, one _____

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for the nose, a row of _____ for the mouth, and a lovely _____ coat.

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Tada! "He kind of looks like your _____." Don't you think?" says _____,

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giggling. The kids exchange a sneaky smile. "Heyyyy there, kiddos!" a voice calls out to them. Speak of the devil, it's

_____ 's _____ calling them in for a comforting glass of warm milk.

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Perfect timing! As the kids make a _____ -line for the house, he adds, "Handsome snowman

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you've got there. Sort of looks like me, doesn't he? Is my nose that _____ in real life?"

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