Gingerbread Cutout Cookies



Yield: About 45 cookies

INGREDIENTS:

3 1/4 CUPS FLOUR

3/4 TEASPOON BAKING SODA

1 TABLESPOON GINGER

1 TABLESPOON CINNAMON

1/2 TEASPOON NUTMEG

1/2 TEASPOON SALT

3/4 CUP UNSALTED BUTTER (ROOM TEMP.)

1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR (PACKED)

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1/2 CUP UNSULFURED MOLASSES

1 1/2 TEASPOON VANILLA EXTRACT

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Combine flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Whisk and then set aside.
- 2. With a mixer on medium/high speed, beat butter and brown sugar together for 2 minutes.
- 3. Add egg, molasses, and vanilla extract. Beat on medium speed until combined.
- 4. Turn mixer to low and gradually add flour mixture until just combined.
- 5. Chill dough at least 1 hour or overnight.
- 6. Let dough sit out to warm up for 5 10 minutes before rolling out.
- 7. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
- 8. Place dough on generously floured surface and roll to 1/8 inch thickness.
- 9. Use your favorite cookie cutters to cut out desired shapes.
- 10. Bake 8 10 minutes.
- 11. Remove from oven and let sit for 5 minutes then place on wire rack to cool.
- 12. Decorate with your favorite icing recipe.*

*Simple icing: Combine 2 cups of powdered sugar, 2-3 tablespoons of milk, and 1/4 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Then color using food coloring.