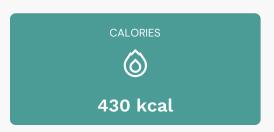


Chocolate gingerbread advent calendar

Vegetarian







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Ingredients

- 120 g brown sugar
- 120 g butter cubed
- 50 g cocoa powder
- 140 g golden syrup
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 24 servings chocolate icing
- 300 g flour plain

	24 servings green beans for hanging
Equipment	
	oven
	knife
	baking pan
	cookie cutter
Directions	
	Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas
	Put the flour, cocoa, ginger, butter and sugar in a processor, and whizz until you can't see any lumps of butter. Dribble in the syrup and pulse to a smooth dough. Take about a quarter of the dough at a time and roll out between 2 sheets of baking parchment to the thickness of a £1 coin. Peel away the top layer of parchment and use cookie cutters to make shapes – leaving about 2cm between each shape as they will spread as they cook. Peel away the dough trimmings and lift the parchment with the shapes onto a baking tray.
	Bake for 12-15 mins until firm.
	Cut your biscuits into triangles using a template – ours was 7cm on each side. After baking, cut two hanging holes in the middle of one side. Use number cutters (or cut out with a small sharp knife like we did) to stamp out 1 to 24 from a sheet of ready-rolled icing. Make runny icing by mixing some sifted icing sugar with a dribble of water. Use small paintbrushes to paint the tops of the icing numbers with some runny icing before dunking in their favourite coloured sprinkles and edible glitters. Leave the numbers to dry for 10 mins, then use more runny icing painted on the bottom of the numbers to stick them to the biscuits. To make sparkly snowflakes: Stamp your biscuits out using different snowflake cutters – cakescookiesandcraftsshop.co.uk have pretty ones. Decorate each biscuit differently by painting some with runny icing (see instructions above), then dunking into edible glitters and sprinkles – it's easiest if you tip them onto a small, flat saucer first.
	Add more icing sugar to your runny icing to make a stiffer consistency, spoon into a piping bag and pipe on pretty details. You can pipe a number onto each with this icing too, if you want. To make biscuit baubles: Make a stiff-ish icing using fondant icing sugar this time (this results in a shinier finish). Then thinly pipe around the outsides and holes of each biscuit. You're making a 'wall' to hold in the other icing, so make sure you don't leave any gaps. Leave to set for 30 mins until hard. Make more icing of a slightly runnier consistency. Pipe or spoon

the icing onto the biscuits, 'flooding' the area inside your icing 'walls'. Shake a little to evenly spread the runny icing, then immediately use the remaining stiffer icing to pipe on a number. These biscuits will need at least a day to harden before hanging. For step-by-step instructions on 'flooding' icing, see Edd Kimber's Fancy iced biscuits (see 'goes well with')

Nutrition Facts

PROTEIN 5.48% FAT 31.57% CARBS 62.95%

Properties

Glycemic Index:11.54, Glycemic Load:19.07, Inflammation Score:-6, Nutrition Score:12.5778260542%

Flavonoids

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Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 429.78kcal (21.49%), Fat: 15.29g (23.52%), Saturated Fat: 5.21g (32.55%), Carbohydrates: 68.59g (22.86%), Net Carbohydrates: 65.13g (23.68%), Sugar: 33.67g (37.41%), Cholesterol: 11.55mg (3.85%), Sodium: 599.52mg (26.07%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Caffeine: 4.79mg (1.6%), Protein: 5.97g (11.95%), Phosphorus: 290.5mg (29.05%), Vitamin K: 30.33µg (28.89%), Vitamin B1: 0.38mg (25.2%), Manganese: 0.5mg (24.77%), Folate: 94.16µg (23.54%), Vitamin B2: 0.39mg (22.67%), Vitamin B3: 3.09mg (15.47%), Iron: 2.67mg (14.82%), Fiber: 3.46g (13.86%), Selenium: 8.12µg (11.61%), Calcium: 102.93mg (10.29%), Vitamin A: 506.11lU (10.12%), Copper: 0.2mg (9.99%), Magnesium: 38.19mg (9.55%), Vitamin C: 6.83mg (8.28%), Potassium: 246.52mg (7.04%), Vitamin B6: 0.12mg (5.97%), Vitamin B5: 0.57mg (5.66%), Vitamin E: 0.83mg (5.54%), Zinc: 0.63mg (4.23%), Vitamin B12: 0.16µg (2.74%)