

Gingerbread People

Vegetarian







DESSERT

Ingredients

i teaspoon baking soda
O.4 lb butter at room temperature
3.3 cups flour all-purpose
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground ginger
0.5 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons espresso powder instant
0.8 cup blackstrap molasses

	O.8 cup sugar	
Equipment		
	bowl	
	frying pan	
	baking sheet	
	oven	
	hand mixer	
	ziploc bags	
	spatula	
	rolling pin	
	pastry bag	
Directions		
	In a bowl, with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in molasses. In another bowl, mix flour, baking soda, espresso powder, ginger, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Stir or beat into butter mixture until well blended.	
	Divide dough in half. Flatten each portion with your hands into a 1-inch-thick disk. Wrap each disk airtight and freeze until firm, about 1 hour.	
	On a lightly floured board, with a floured rolling pin, roll dough, a portion at a time, to 1/4 inch thick. With floured cutters, cut dough into people shapes (if dough becomes too soft to handle, freeze briefly until firm again). With a wide spatula or your fingers, transfer cookies to buttered or cooking parchment-lined 12- by 15-inch baking sheets, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Gather scraps, pat into a ball, and repeat rolling and cutting.	
	Bake cookies in a 300 oven until edges are brown, 15 to 20 minutes; if baking more than one pan at a time, switch pan positions halfway through baking.	
	With a wide spatula, transfer cookies to racks to cool. If hot cookies start to break, slide a thin spatula under them to release, let stand on sheets to firm up, about 5 minutes, then transfer to racks to cool completely.	
	Powdered sugar icing: Controlling consistency of icing is simple. If it's too thick, add a few drops of water; if it's too thin, gradually add more powdered sugar. To tint, add food coloring a few drops at a time.	

For piping: In a bowl, stir 2 cups powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and 1 1/2 tablespoons water until smooth. Tint with food coloring as desired. Spoon into a pastry bag fitted with a 1/8-inch tip or a heavy 1-quart zip-lock plastic bag. Seal plastic bag and squeeze icing into a corner; cut a tiny opening at corner of bag to squeeze icing out. Let cookies stand until icing is firm, about 5 minutes. Makes about 3/4 cup.
Nutrition Facts
PROTEIN 4.32% FAT 31.56% CARBS 64.12%

Properties

Glycemic Index:13.09, Glycemic Load:17.18, Inflammation Score:-3, Nutrition Score:4.345652171856%

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 168.31kcal (8.42%), Fat: 5.97g (9.18%), Saturated Fat: 3.69g (23.04%), Carbohydrates: 27.28g (9.09%), Net Carbohydrates: 26.75g (9.73%), Sugar: 14.17g (15.75%), Cholesterol: 15.24mg (5.08%), Sodium: 95.56mg (4.15%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Protein: 1.84g (3.68%), Manganese: 0.35mg (17.48%), Selenium: 7.83µg (11.18%), Vitamin B1: 0.14mg (9.19%), Folate: 31.25µg (7.81%), Magnesium: 30.11mg (7.53%), Iron: 1.33mg (7.4%), Vitamin B3: 1.14mg (5.71%), Vitamin B2: 0.09mg (5.17%), Potassium: 179.35mg (5.12%), Vitamin B6: 0.08mg (3.97%), Copper: 0.08mg (3.89%), Vitamin A: 177.45IU (3.55%), Calcium: 27.11mg (2.71%), Phosphorus: 23.92mg (2.39%), Fiber: 0.53g (2.13%), Vitamin B5: 0.17mg (1.68%), Vitamin E: 0.18mg (1.18%), Zinc: 0.16mg (1.1%)