

## 2020 Cub Scout Backyard Challenge



**Best Cookies Ever!** 

**<u>Category:</u>** Nutrition and Cooking

Difficulty: Intermediate

## **Description:**

How about taking a break from all these fun activities and make yourself a snack...

Ingredients: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pound butter, softened (2 sticks) <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup + 1 tablespoon granulated sugar <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup packed light brown sugar 2 large eggs 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoons vanilla extract <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups flour 1/2 cup rolled oats 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt Pinch cinnamon 2 2/3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 3/4 cups chopped walnuts

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Technique:

- 1. Cream butter, sugar and brown sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer on medium speed for about 2 minutes.
- 2. Add eggs, vanilla and lemon juice, blending with mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, then medium speed for about 2 minutes, or until light and fluffy, scraping down bowl.
- 3. With mixer on low speed, add flour, oats, baking soda, salt and cinnamon, blending for about 45 seconds. Don't overmix.
- 4. Remove bowl from mixer and stir in chocolate chips and walnuts.
- 5. Portion dough with a scoop (about 3 tablespoons) onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper about 2 inches apart.
- 6. Preheat oven to 300°F. Bake for 20 to 23 minutes, or until edges are golden brown and center is still soft.
- 7. Remove from oven and cool on baking sheet for about 1 hour.

Cook's note: You can freeze the unbaked cookies, and there's no need to thaw. Preheat oven to 300°F and place frozen cookies on parchment paper-lined baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake until edges are golden brown, and center is still soft.

Makes 26 cookies

Enjoy...

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