

## Sam Stephens' Oatmeal Gingerbread Cookies

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Sam Stephens' Oatmeal Gingerbread Cookies recipe crafts delightful cookies blending the warmth of gingerbread spices with hearty oats for a comforting and flavorful treat.

## Ingredients

- 2/3 cup unsalted butter (10 tbsp), softened
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup molasses
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups all purpose flour
- 1 ¼ cups Quaker® Oats-Old Fashioned
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- Zest of 1 orange (optional)
- Ready to spread sugar cookie icing, for decorating, optional
- Sprinkles & candies, for decorating, optional

## **Cooking Instructions**

- 1. In a large bowl using a hand-held mixer or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream butter and sugar for 2-3 minutes until smooth. Add the molasses and mix until combined.
- 2. Add egg and vanilla and beat for 1 minute.

- 3. In a separate large bowl mix all dry ingredients.
- 4. Add dry ingredients into the wet ingredients slowly until combined.
- 5. Divide dough in half and wrap each half tightly in plastic wrap, shaping into a disc.
- 6. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours or overnight.
- 7. The dough must be chilled to be able to roll out and handle easily.
- 8. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2-3 baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.
- 9. Remove 1 dough disc from the refrigerator.
- 10. Flour a work surface and rolling pin.
- 11. You can continually flour the work surface throughout working with the dough if it becomes sticky.
- 12. Roll out the dough until about 1/4" thickness.
- 13. Cut out gingerbread men using a 3" wide cutter and transfer to baking sheets, placing about 1" apart. Re-roll dough scraps until all the dough is shaped.
- 14. Bake until slightly puffed and set, about 9-10 minutes.
- 15. Look cool on baking sheets about 5 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack to cool completely.
- 16. Repeat with remaining disc of dough.
- 17. Decorate with icing and sprinkles if desired.