Delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies

YIELDS: 18 COOKIES PREPPING TIME: 15 MIN BAKING TIME: 12 MIN

Wet Ingredients

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter-do not use margarine
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

Dry Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 2.5 cups old-fashioned oats

 pulverize in blender or
 food processor. Do not use
 instant oatmeal.
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix Ins

- 1.5 cups of your favorite chocolate candy
- .5 to 1 cup of your choice of nut (see recipe)

Directions

- 1.Preheat oven to 350*
- 2.Cream together the first three wet ingredients. Then, add in the eggs and vanilla. Set aside..
- 3.In a separate bowl, mix the dry ingredients.
- 4. Slowly add the flour (dry) mix to the sugar (wet)mix. (I usually add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup at a time. I also use a mixer on low power.)

Like a great book, the twists and turns will have you recommending it to your friends.

- 5. Add:
 - 1 cup Ghirardelli semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 8 oz. Chopped Hershey bar (or Symphony) cut into pieces
- 6. Add 1.5 cups of your favorite chocolate candy: These are a few favorites:
- Rolo's candies- each piece cut in half
- Almond Joy candy bars-cut into pieces
- 1 cup M&M's (your favorite kind)
- 7. Add one of your favorites:
 - ½ cup slivered almonds
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 cup whole salted cashews (a favorite with Rolo's)
- 8. Place a large spoonful of dough on a cookie sheet 3" apart and bake for 12 minutes.
- 9. Cool for 7 minutes.
- 10. Place on a paper bag and allow to cool completely.