

(Almost) Famous Recipes of the Month

Toasted Coconut-Oatmeal Cookies

3 c raw oats (not instant)	¼ c water
1 c shredded coconut	½ t vanilla extract
6 T softened butter	1 t almond extract
6 T shortening	1 c all-purpose flour
½ c white sugar	1 t salt
1 c brown sugar	½ baking soda
1 egg	1 c chopped pecans (opt.)

Heat oven to 300°. Spread oats and coconut onto a cookie sheet with a rim and toast for 8 – 10 minutes (coconut should turn golden brown). Sprinkle flour, salt, and baking soda over top and let cool slightly. Beat together next 8 ingredients until creamy. Gradually mix in dry ingredients while they are still warm (not hot or they will melt the butter and shortening). Stir in pecans, if desired.

Heat oven to 350°. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet and bake for 12 – 15 minutes. Makes 4 – 5 dozen.

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### **Chocolate-Chocolate Chip Cookies**

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| 2 sticks butter       | ½ cocoa powder                  |
| 1-1/2 c white sugar   | ½ t baking soda                 |
| 1 egg                 | ¼ t salt                        |
| 1 t vanilla extract   | 1 c chopped pecans              |
| 2 T water             | 1 c bittersweet chocolate chips |
| 2 c all-purpose flour |                                 |

Cream butter and sugar for 2 minutes. Add egg, vanilla, and water and mix well. Stir together dry ingredients separately and add to batter; mix until well-blended. Stir in pecans and chocolate chips.

Drop by full, rounded teaspoons onto greased cookie sheets. Gently flatten tops with two fingers dipped in water. Bake at 350° for 8 – 10 minutes, being careful to remove from oven when still a little “doughy”. Makes 3 – 4 dozen.

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NOTE: Can make both cookie dough recipes ahead of time and refrigerate or cook immediately.



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