

Let's get baking - Gingerbread

Ingredients

350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for rolling out: 350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for rolling out

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda: 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 tsp ground ginger: 2 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp ground cinnamon: 1 tsp ground cinnamon

125g/4½oz butter: 125g/4½oz butter

175g/6oz light soft brown sugar: 175g/6oz light soft brown sugar

1 free-range egg: 1 free-range egg

4 tbsp golden syrup: 4 tbsp golden syrup

To decorate

writing icing: writing icing

cake decorations



Method

Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and cinnamon and pour into the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and blend until the mix looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

Lightly beat the egg and golden syrup together, add to the food processor and pulse until the mixture clumps together. Tip the dough out, knead briefly until smooth, wrap in clingfilm and leave to chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Line two baking trays with greaseproof paper.

Roll the dough out to a 0.5cm/¼in thickness on a lightly floured surface. Using cutters, cut out the gingerbread men shapes and place on the baking tray, leaving a gap between them. For decorations, use a skewer to make a small hole in the top of each biscuit.

Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until lightly golden-brown. Leave on the tray for 10 minutes and then move to a wire rack to finish cooling. Once cooled, decorate with writing icing and decorations.



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<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/playdough-recipe/>



Bath time paints

You'll need the following:

Shaving Cream
Muffin Tin
Food Colouring

Directions: In a cupcake pan and fill each circle with shaving cream. Put a few drops of your food colouring in the shaving cream. Next mix the colours, the kids love helping with this step and mixing their own colour combinations. And finally...let them have some fun in the tub!