Cream Filled Ginger Cookies



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Serves 10-12 (depending on how many cookies you get)

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes

Ingred	lient	S
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- __1/2 cup of Shortening
- _____¼ cup of Unsalted Butter, softened at room
- Temperature
- ___3⁄4 cup of Brown Sugar
- __1/4 cup of Granulated Sugar
- __¼ cup of Molasses
- __3 tsp of Ground Ginger
- __2 tsp of Baking Soda
- ___1 Egg
- __1 tsp of Vanilla Extract
- __2 ½ cups of All Purpose Flour
- __1 tsp of Cinnamon
- ½ tsp of Salt
- __Additional Sugar, to roll them in

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For the Filling:

- __3 oz of Cream Cheese, softened at room temperature
- __1½ cup of Unsalted Butter, softened at room temperature
- __2 cups of Confectioner Sugar
- __1 tsp of Vanilla Extract
- __2 tsp of Lemon Zest

- 1) Preheat your oven to 375 degrees, line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.
- 2) In a bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda, salt, ginger and cinnamon and set aside.
- 3) In the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream together the shortening, butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until fluffy and combined.



- 4) Add the egg, vanilla and molasses and mix it all together to combine well.
- 5) Add the dry ingredients and mix to incorporate.
- 6) Using a small ice cream scoop, form little balls and roll them in some sugar, place them a couple inches apart on your baking sheet and using a fork, form a criss cross pattern on the cookies.
- 6) Bake them for 9 to 10 minutes and cool them completely on a wire rack.
- 8) To make the filling, in a bowl, add the cream cheese, vanilla, butter and lemon zest and cream it together with a hand held electric whisk. Add the sugar and cream it together until you end up with a creamy mixture.
- 9) Smear the flat side of every cookie with some of the filling and top it with another cookie, repeat until you are all done.

Store in the fridge.