

Get into the Christmas spirit and do some baking

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- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 5 to 6 drops green food coloring
- 1 square (1 oz.) unsweetened chocolate, melted
- Decorator candies (colored sugars,

crystal sugars, multi-colored decorator sprinkles, powdered sugar, etc.)

Heat oven to 375F. In large mixer bowl, combine sugar, butter, egg and vanilla. Beat at medium speed,

scraping bowl often, until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes). Add flour, baking powder and salt. Continue beating, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

Divide dough into 3 equal portions. Leave one-third in mixer bowl. Add 5 to 6 drops green food coloring to dough in mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed until well mixed (about 1 minute). Place 1 portion plain dough in medium bowl. By hand, stir in chocolate. (Now you have green dough, chocolate dough and white dough.)

To shape cookies, use hands to roll dough into small 1/4- to 1/2-inch balls. Place balls on lightly greased cookie sheets in desired forms as described below. Bake for 7 to 8 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute. Carefully remove from cookie sheets; cool completely.

Yield: 3 to 5 dozen.

Trees: Place 10 green or plain balls to form a solid triangle. Use 1 choco-

late ball for tree trunk. (Balls should touch slightly.) Decorate with candies.

Wreaths: Place 8 green, chocolate or plain balls to form a circle. (Balls should touch slightly.) Decorate with decorator candies.

Candy Canes: Place 7 chocolate or plain balls to form candy cane. (Balls should touch slightly.) Decorate with decorator candies or sprinkle with powdered sugar after baking.

Snowmen: Roll dough into 1- to 2-inch balls. Place 3 balls to form snowman. Slightly flatten each ball with bottom of glass that has been buttered and dipped in sugar.

Butterscotch Cut-Outs

- 1 cup butterscotch-flavored chips, melted
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg

- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 2 Tbsp. vanilla
- Powdered sugar
- Decorator sugars

Heat oven to 375F. In heavy 1-quart saucepan, melt butterscotch chips over low heat, stirring constantly, until melted (3 to 5 minutes). Pour into large mixer bowl; add remaining ingredients except powdered and decorator sugars. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes). Divide dough into 2 equal portions; wrap in waxed paper. Refrigerate until firm (1 to 2 hours).

Roll out dough on well-floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with 2 1/2-inch cookie cutters; place 1 inch apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 5 to 8 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely; sprinkle with powdered or decorator sugars or decorate as desired.

Yield: 4 dozen.

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