

LEMON PISTACHIO BISCOTTI

Ready In: 1 Hour 18 mins

Ingredients: 12

Yields: 36 Biscotti

Ingredients

The Cookie

1/3 cup unsalted butter, softened

2/3 cup granulated sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

teaspoons lemon zest, finely minced

2 cups all-purpose flour

1½ cups unsalted pistachio nuts

The Icing

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted

1 teaspoon lemon zest, finely minced

1-2 tablespoon lemon juice or milk

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- Name Meaning: Biscotti comes from the Latin bis coctus, meaning "twice baked."
- Ancient Roots: First made by Romans as long-lasting travel food.
- Tuscan Twist: In the Renaissance, bakers in Prato turned biscotti into sweet almond cookies called cantucci.
- Tradition: Italians dip them in Vin Santo, a golden dessert wine.
- Modern Love: Today, biscotti are found in countless flavors and are a favorite partner for coffee and tea.

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F & lightly grease several cookie sheets or 1 LARGE one.
- 2. In large mixing bowl, beat butter with electric mixer on medium-high speed for 30 seconds.
- 3. Add sugar, baking powder & salt, beating to combine & scraping sides of bowl occasionally.
- 4. Beat in eggs & vanilla until combined.
- 5. Beat in lemon zest & as much of the flour as you can with the mixer.
- 6. Using a wooden spoon or your hands, stir or knead in remaining flour & pistachio nuts.
- 7. On lightly floured surface, divide dough into 3 equal portions.
- 8. Shape each portion into an 8-inch-long loaf.
- 9. Flatten loaves to about 2 1/2 inches wide, & place at least 3 inches apart on prepared cookie sheet(s).
- 10. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown & tops are cracked. (Loaves will spread slightly.).
- 11. Cool on cookie sheet for 30 minutes.
- 12. When cooled, preheat oven to 325 degrees F, then transfer loaves to a cutting board to cut each loaf into 1/2- inch-thick slices.
- 13. Place slices, cut sides down on previously used cookie sheet(s), & bake 8 minutes.
- 14. Turn slices over & bake 8-10 minutes more or until dry & crisp.
- 15. Transfer to wire rack & cool.
- 16. In a small mixing bowl, stir together sifted powdered sugar & 1 teaspoon lemon zest.
- 17. Stir in enough lemon juice (or milk) to make icing of drizzling consistency.
- 18. Either dip 1/4 of one end of each cookie into icing OR drizzle each with icing.



DOUBLE CHOCOLATE ALMOND BISCOTTI

Ready In: 1 Hour 10 mins

Ingredients: 10

Yields: 24 Biscotti

Ingredients

1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened 4 ounces semisweet choclate, chopped fine

1/2 cup cocoa

13/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspon baking powder

1/2 teaspon salt

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 teaspon vanilla

1 cup sliced almonds, lightly toasted

Directions

- 1. Heat oven to 350.
- 2. Melt butter and chocolate in double boiler or microwave.
- 3. Stir until smooth.
- 4. Sift together cocoa, flour, baking powder and salt.
- 5. In electric mixer, beat sugar and eggs on low speed.
- 6. Add chocolate mixture, flour mixture and vanilla.
- 7. Stir in nuts.
- 8. Dough will be soft.
- 9. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface.
- 10. Form two 9" long by 3 ½" wide logs on baking sheet.
- 11. Bake 30 minutes until dough sets.
- 12. Cool 15 minutes

. 13. Reduce heat to 275.

- 14. Slice dough diagonally into ½" pieces.
- 15. Place cut side down on baking sheet.
- 16. Bake 20 minutes.
- 17. Turn over, bake 20 minutes.
- 18. Cool on wire rack.

