# Spirit Bear's Favourite Chocolate Chip Cookies Submitted by: Spirit Bear and Cindy the Sheep

- I cup Butter
- I cup Brown Sugar
- I cup White Sugar
  - 2 Eggs
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 2 cups Flour
- 21/2 cups Oats
  - 1/2 tsp Salt
  - I tsp Baking Powder
  - I tsp Baking Soda
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups Chopped Toasted Pecans/Almonds (optional)
- 11/2 cups Chocolate Chips

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2 Lightly toast the nuts in the oven, let cool and chop set aside
- 3 Mix butter, white sugar and brown sugar together.
- 4 Add in eggs and vanilla. Mix until it's fluffy.
- In a separate bowl, mix flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and oats. Combine dry ingredients with the butter mixture until it's well mixed.
- 6 Add in chocolate chips and nuts.
- Use a cookie scoop or a spoon to form cookies (about 2 level tsp per cookie) and place them on cookie sheet 2" apart.
- Bake for about 14 minutes or until light golden brown. Place on a rack and let cool.

**TIP:** This recipe also makes an awesome raisin oatmeal cookie. Just replace the chocolate chips with I cup of raisins and add about 2 tsp cinnamon and I tsp nutmeg to the dry mixture.

## Cedar Bear's Have a Heart Day Cookies Submitted by: Cedar Bear

- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup Butter, Softened
- I cup White Sugar
  - 2 Eggs
- 1/2 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 21/2 cups All-Purpose Flour
  - 1 tsp Baking Powder
  - 1/2 tsp Salt

- In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla.
- 2 Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt.
- 3 Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).
- Preheat oven to 400°F. Roll out dough on a floured surface 1/4" to 1/2" thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
- Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely before icing.

#### Sarah's Rice Krispie Cookies Submitted by: Sarah Clarke



- 3/4 cup Softened Butter
- 14 cup Brown Sugar
- 1/4 cup White Sugar
  - 2 Eggs
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 2 cups Flour
  - 1 tsp Baking Soda
  - 1 tsp Salt
  - I cup Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips
  - I cup Rice Krispie Cereal

- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2 Mix butter, white sugar, and brown sugar together.
- Beat in eggs one at a time and add in vanilla.
- 4 In a separate bowl, mix together flour, baking soda and salt.
- 5 Slowly add dry ingredients to wet ingredients.
- 6 Add in chocolate chips and rice krispie cereal.
- Place tablespoons of dough about 2" apart on a non-stick cookie sheet or cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.
- Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for a few minutes before transferring to a cookie rack.

**NOTE:** Don't let the dough sit. The cereal makes the dough really stiff if left for too long.

## Gluten-free Sugar Cookies Submitted by: Era Bear and Memengwe Bear

- 1 cup Sugar
- 1/2 cup Butter, Softened
  - 1 Large Egg
- I tbsp Water
- 11/2 tsp Vanilla
- 1/4 tsp Salt
- 2 cups Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour, plus more for rolling/ dusting (Bob's Red Mill works best)

- In a large bowl, cream the sugar and butter at medium speed.
- 2 Add the egg, water, vanilla, and salt. Blend until mixed well.
- 3 Add the flour. Mix at a low speed until well combined.
- 4 Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- Freheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- 6 Roll out the dough onto a lightly floured surface, about 1/4" thick.
- Out out the dough with cookie cutters, and place the cookies on the baking sheet. Make sure the cookies are not touching.
- 8 Re-form and roll out the scrap dough, then continue cutting more cookies.
- 9 Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from the oven, and let the cookies cool for 5 minutes on the cookie sheet before moving them to a cooling rack. Cool completely before decorating.

# Royal Icing for Sugar Cookies

- 4 Egg Whites
- 4 Cups Icing Sugar
  - I tsp Vanilla Extract OR Lemon Juice (depending on your preferred flavour)

Food Colouring (gel or powder colours are better for keeping icing thick)

- Beat egg whites on medium speed in a stand mixer or in a bowl with a hand mixer until foamy.
- 2 Add sugar one cup at a time. Make sure it's fully mixed in before adding the next cup. Add lemon or vanilla.
- Beat on high speed until very stiff and thick. This will take at least 5 minutes. When you lift the mixer out of the bowl, you want the icing to form stiff peaks (points that don't fall over).
- 4 If adding colour, divide icing between bowls, one for each colour. Add a small amount of colour to start and stir well, adding more colour until the right shade is reached!
- 5 Transfer to piping bags or sandwich bags to decorate.