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Christmas Cookies

Us here at HealthyNow know that the holiday season means a few sweet treats are in order. These healthier Christmas Cookies, with their fluffy middles and golden-crisp edges, you may you never go back to the original!



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You'll need for the cookie:

- 9 ounces whole-wheat flour (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 10 tablespoon butter, softened

You'll need for the icing:

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons plain 2% reduced-fat Greek yogurt

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 ounce 1/3-less-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- Naturally colored sparkling sugar (optional)

To make it:

- 1. To prepare cookies, weigh or lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Whisk together flour, salt, and baking powder in a medium bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, and cream cheese in a large bowl with an electric mixer on high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add egg; beat until well blended. Add vanilla; beat until blended. Reduce mixer speed to low. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture; beat just until combined.
- 2. Flatten dough into a 6-inch disk; wrap with plastic wrap. Chill 1 hour.
- 3. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 4. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut out 32 cookies, using a 2- or 3-inch cutter, rerolling scraps as necessary. Place cookies 1 inch apart on baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Bake 12 minutes or until lightly browned around edges. Cool.
- 5. To prepare icing, whisk together powdered sugar, yogurt, and rind; drizzle over cookies. Sprinkle with sparkling sugar, if desired. Let stand on a wire rack until icing is set, about 15 minutes.

Enjoy!

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