

prep time: 10-15 minutes chill time: 1 hour (optional) bake time: 10-12 minutes total time: 1 hour, 27 minutes

yields: 3-4 dozen cookies



Ingredients

- 1 cup (227g) unsalted European style butter*, softened but not shiny
- 2³/₃ cups (363g) all-purpose flour^{**}, spooned then leveled (see note)
- 1 teaspoon (5g) baking soda
- 1 teaspoon (6g) sea salt (reduce to 1/8 teaspoon if using salted butter)
- 1¹/₃ cup (266g) brown sugar, packed
- ¼ cup (67g) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon (13g) pure vanilla extract
- 2-3 cups (340-510g) semi-sweet chocolate chips (or your favorite kind)
- ²/₃ cup (113g) <u>Christmas colored nonpareils</u> (or your favorite sprinkle)

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350F/175C and line a cookie sheet (or sheets) with <u>parchment</u> (or use a <u>silicone mat</u> to help reduce your carbon footprint!). Optionally, you can do this after chilling the cookies for 1 hour or up to 2 days..
- 2. Whisk together your flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
- 3. In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (or a large bowl, using a hand mixer), beat butter on high until smooth, about 30 seconds.

- 4. Add the sugars and beat on high for at least 3 minutes, until it gets lighter and fluffier and the sugar starts to dissolve. Scrape the bowl as needed, at least once during this 3 minutes.
- 5. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat on medium until well blended, about 30 seconds. Add the vanilla and beat on medium until blended.
- 6. Add the flour mixture and beat on low until nearly combined. Don't worry if there are some streaks of flour, as the next step takes care of that.
- 7. Using a spatula or wooden spoon, stir in the chocolate chips and sprinkles.
- 8. Optionally, chill the dough. This creates a chewier yet sturdier cookie and is recommended but not necessary. Cover and chill the dough at least an hour or up to 2 days. I found that chilling overnight was perfect. If you're in a rush, you could form them into balls and freeze them for 20 minutes.
- 9. When ready to bake, use a spoon or <u>cookie scoop</u> to form the dough into balls about 1 to 1 ½ inches in diameter. If you did not chill the dough, you will likely need to use a spoon.
- 10.Bake for 10-12 minutes, until the tops of the cookies are no longer shiny (or there's just a tiny bit of shine around the chocolate chips).
- 11.Let cool on the pan about 10 minutes, then either enjoy or remove to a <u>wire</u> <u>rack</u> to cool completely.

Enjoy!

Store leftovers in an airtight container on the counter. Dough can be formed into balls and frozen in an airtight container up to 2 months. Bake straight from freezer.

*European butter is best! It has less water and makes a better cookie, in my opinion.

**Be sure to spoon then level the flour into your measuring cup OR weigh it to prevent packing it in and ending up with too much.