Cinnamon Chocolate Sugar Cookies

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prep time: 5-10 minutes **bake time:** 10-12 minutes **total time:** 22 minutes

yields: about 36 cookies

Ingredients

- 1 ¾ cups (238g) all-purpose flour*, spooned then leveled (see note)
- ¾ cup (64g) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon (5g) baking soda
- 1 tablespoon (10g) cornstarch
- 1 to 1 ½ tablespoons (8-12g) ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon (6g) sea salt (reduce to 1/8 teaspoon if using salted butter)
- 1 cup (227g) unsalted European style butter**
- 1 cup (200g) brown sugar, packed
- ¾ cup (1500g) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon (13g) <u>pure vanilla extract</u>
- to finish: ½ cup (100g) granulated sugar and 1 tablespoon (8g) ground cinnamon

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 325F/165C and line a <u>cookie sheet</u> (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 3 days.
- 2. Whisk together your flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, cornstarch, cinnamon, 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 brown sugar and orange-flavored granulated sugar 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. I like to add somewhere between 2-3 cups.
- 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, mix together the ½ cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon.
- 10. Use a spoon or <u>cookie scoop</u> to scoop about 1 ½ tablespoons of dough and form into a ball. Roll each ball in the cinnamon sugar then place on your prepared cookie sheet.
- 11. 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).
- 12.Let cool on the pan about 10 minutes, then either enjoy or remove to a <u>wire</u> rack 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. You can roll in cinnamon sugar then bake straight from freezer.

*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.

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