Chocolate Chip Cookies

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Ingredients

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup vegetable shortening 3/4 cup granulated sugar 3/4 cup packed brown sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 large eggs 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat shortening,sugars (granulated and brown) plus vanilla extract in larger bowl until creamy. Add the two eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in flour mixture, gradually. Stir in semi-sweet chocolate chips and nuts (if using them). Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased baking sheets. BAKE for 9 to 11 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes Remove to wire racks to cool