

George W. Bush Republican Cowboy Cookies - Laura Bush

Ingredients:

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| 3 cups all-purpose flour | 3 eggs |
| 1 Tbs baking powder | 1 Tbs vanilla |
| 1 Tbs baking soda | 3 cups semisweet chocolate chips |
| 1 Tbs ground cinnamon | 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats |
| 1 Tsp salt | 2 cups sweetened flake coconut |
| 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter at room temperature. | 2 cups chopped pecans (8 oz) |
| 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar | |
| 1 1/2 cups packed light- brown sugar | |

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in bowl.

In 8-quart bowl, beat butter on medium speed until smooth and creamy (1 minute). Gradually beat in sugars, beat to combine (2 minutes). Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Beat in vanilla. Stir in flour mixture until just combined. Add chocolate chips, oats, coconut, and pecans.

For each cookie, drop 1/4 cup dough onto ungreased baking sheets, spacing 3 inches apart. Bake in 350 degree oven 17-20 minutes, until edges are lightly browned, rotate sheets halfway through. Remove cookies to rack to cool.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies. Preparation time 25 minutes.

Note: For 6 dozen smaller cookies, use 2 tablespoons dough for each. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes.