

FROSTED PUMPKIN SPICE COOKIES

The perfect fall dessert for your next event.

INGREDIENTS

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 15-20 minutes

Yield: 3 dozen

PUMPKIN SPICE COOKIES:

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup butter softened

1 cup white sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

11/4 cups canned pumpkin puree

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

8 ounces cream cheese softened

4 tablespoons butter softened

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups powdered sugar

1-2 tablespoons milk

DIRECTIONS

PUMPKIN SPICE COOKIES:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a medium mixing bowl, sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice, and salt.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl with a hand mixer, combine the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the pumpkin puree, egg, and vanilla. Beat together for another minute. With a rubber spatula, fold the dry ingredients into the mixture until combined.
- 4. Drop dough on cookie sheet with a cookie scoop or by the spoonful. The dough will be thick, so flatten it by slightly pressing the back of the spoon on the dropped dough.
- 5. Bake for 15-20 minutes. The cookies should bounce back when touched. Cool the cookies completely on a wire rack. Once they are completely cooled, frost with the cream cheese frosting. Add an extra dash of pumpkin pie spice on top to garnish.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

1. Using a hand-electric mixer, combine butter, vanilla, milk, and cream cheese until smooth. Add in the powdered sugar, one half-cup at a time until smooth.