

For the Farm Wife and Family

Fancy Cookies

by Mrs. Richard C. Spence

For you who are ambitious cooky makers we have some recipes for decorated cut-out cookies today. The whole family can get in the act with these cookies and everyone will be pleased with the results.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS BUTTER COOKIES

2 cups sifted flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
 1 cup sugar
 1 egg
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well.

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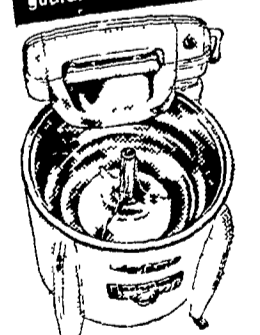
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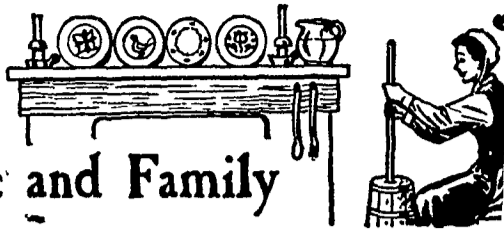
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GINGERY BUTTER COOKIES

2 3/4 cups sifted flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon ginger
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon cloves
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup dark molasses
 1 egg, beaten
 1 teaspoon hot water
 1 teaspoon vinegar

Sift flour with dry ingredients. Cream butter and sugar together. Add molasses & egg and beat until smooth. Fold in sifted dry ingredients. Blend in water and vinegar. Cover dough and chill for at least 2 hours. Roll out on lightly floured board to 1/4 inch thick; cut with cookie cutters. Place on cookie sheets. Bake 15-20 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Remove from oven, cool, and frost as desired. Makes 24 small cookies or 12 gingerbread men

Blend in egg and vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients gradually, mixing well. Chill dough for 3-4 hours. Roll out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth and cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place on lightly buttered cookie sheet. If desired, decorate with colored sugar or decorations before baking. Bake 6-8 minutes in a 400 degree oven, or until cookies are lightly browned around the edges. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks. Frost cookies after they have cooled. Makes 7-8 cookies.

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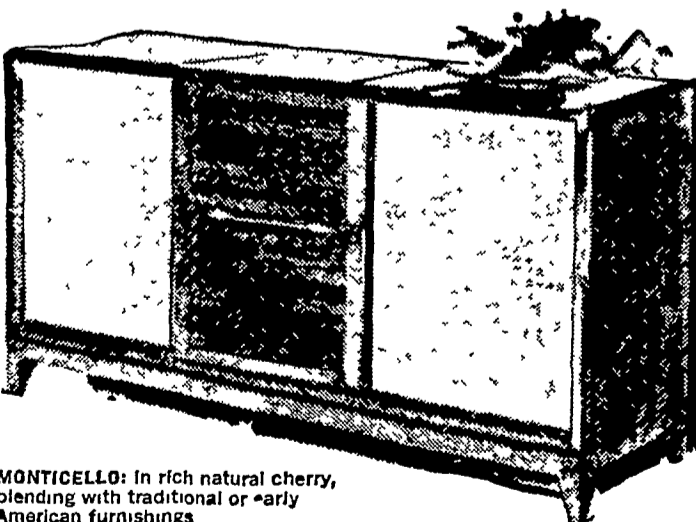
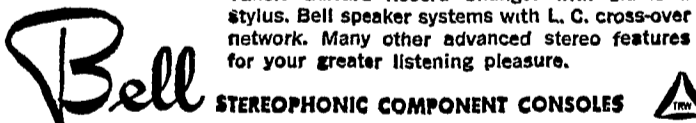
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ten times friends join in the fun. This year makes some of the decorations in the kitchen. Start with these Puffed Pine Cones made of puffed wheat. Next make a garland of fresh cranberries, candy orange slices and these tiny decorated Cookie Trims. These tree decorations can be snipped off, the tree for guests to nibble or take home as a remembrance from you.

PUFFED PINE CONES

4 cups puffed wheat or puffed rice
 3/4 cup sugar
 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 1/2 cup water
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 ounces (2 squares) unsweetened chocolate
 1 teaspoon almond extract
 White confectioners' sugar frosting

Heat puffed wheat in shallow pan in moderate oven (350 degrees) 10 minutes. Pour into well-greased large

Place sugar, corn syrup, water, salt and chocolate in saucepan. Stir to combine. Cook to 250 degrees F. (until syrup when dropped into cold water forms a hard ball) Stir in almond extract. Pour over puffed wheat and stir to coat all kernels evenly. With well-greased hands, shape mixture to form pine cones around ends of ribbon leaving loop at top. Work quickly as mixture will become firm as it cools. Allow pine cones to cool thoroughly. With decorating tube, pipe frosting "scallops" around cones. Hang on tree. Make 8 cones.

COOKY TRIMS

3/4 cup butter or margarine

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