

Homemade cookies are a favorite to share. I hope you enjoy this Oatmeal Cookie recipe. And share a little fresh-baked kindness :)

~ Jeanne Doyon

## Oatmeal Cookies

Combine the following ingredients and beat until smooth:

3/4 cup shortening  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/3 cup white sugar  
1 egg  
1/4 cup water  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a separate bowl combine dry ingredients and then add slowly to the wet mixture until well mixed:

3 cups oats  
1 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt

**Optional:** Stir in your choice of 3/4-1 cup of raisins or chocolate chips before baking.

Drop by spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets.  
Preheat oven and bake 350° for 7-8 minutes  
—when the cookies lose their shine.  
Let cool on the pan for a few minutes.  
and transfer to a cookie rack.

Once completely cooled, store in an airtight container.  
These also freeze well. Makes about 3 dozen.

