KIDS' COOKIE DOUGH

PREP TIME: 20 minutes + Chill COOK TEMPERATURE: 350° F COOK TIME: 15-18 minutes SERVES: Approx. 10 (4 inch) cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 cup butter, softened 2 teaspoons vanilla ½ cup powdered sugar 2¼ cups all-purpose flour ¼ teaspoon salt

DECORATIONS

Sugars, candies for before baking and assorted colored frostings, glazes to apply after baking.

METHOD

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Lightly grease cookie sheets.

Beat butter and vanilla in a large mixing bowl at high speed until fluffy.

Add sugar and beat at medium speed until blended.

In a small bowl, **combine** the flour and salt. Gradually add to the butter mixture.

Gather the dough into a ball, wrap in cling wrap or wax paper and chill for 30 minutes.

Divide dough into 10 parts that allow for the molding of the shapes you desire.

Form shapes directly on cookie sheets.

Decorate with any sugars or candies before baking.

Bake 15-18 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned.

Cool completely on cookie sheets.

NOTES: These cookies bake best when a fairly even thickness is maintained. The cooking time may need to be increased if very large or thick cookies are produced.

Decorate with any frostings or glazes. Some great shape ideas include bugs such as caterpillars and butterflies, planets, stars, kites, zoo animals, and fish.

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