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DOUBLE CHOCOLATE BISCOTTI

My first biscotti recipe!

Many people enjoy chocolate, and often the only thing better than chocolate is more chocolate! So when I first tried my hand at biscotti, I found a chocolate recipe and got to work. In the process I made two mistakes – I used cold butter and only half of what the recipe called for – these 'mistakes' became attributes to how I make biscotti. I have crafted many of my other recipes based off of my Double Chocolate Biscotti, and it therefore remains as one of the most important in my collection.



INGREDIENTS

- 4 Tablespoons 60 ml Unsalted Butter, chilled and cubed
- 3/4 cup 180 ml White Sugar
- 2 Large Eggs
- 2 Tablespoons 30 ml Strong Coffee or Espresso
- 1 teaspoon 5 ml Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons 7.5 ml Baking Powder
- 1/3 cup 80 ml Unsweetened Cocoa Powder
- 2 cups 2 Tablespoons 510 ml All-Purpose Flour
- 2/3 cup 160 ml Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips

MIXING

- 1. In a mixing bowl, combine butter and sugar until it becomes the consistency of sand and small pebbles.
- 2. Beat in eggs, coffee, and vanilla extract. Follow with baking powder and unsweetened cocoa powder.
- 3. While mixing, add one cup of flour at a time. Avoid over-mixing the flour; if necessary, stop mixing between making measurements.
- 4. Add the chocolate chips as the last of the flour becomes completely blended.

ROLLING & BAKING

- 1. Preheat oven to 325° F/165° C/Gas Mark 3. Dust a baking sheet with flour or line with parchment paper.
- 2. Divide the dough into equal halves and form each section into a ball.

- 3. Flour your hands. One at a time, roll each dough ball into a cylinder 8 to 10 inches/20 to 25 centimeters long. Re-flour your hands between rolling each ball or as needed.
- 4. Position the dough cylinders parallel to one another lengthwise on a baking sheet.
- 5. Using the heel of your hand, gently press each cylinder into a 1 inch/2.5 centimeters thick loaf. These loaves should be spaced at least 2 inches/5 centimeters apart on the baking sheet.
- 6. Place the baking sheet in the center of the oven and bake for 40-45 minutes or until lightly toasted.
- 7. Remove the baking sheet from oven, and carefully transfer loaves to a cooling rack. Let sit for 8 to 10 minutes. If you used flour instead of parchment paper, you might wish to remove any remaining residue on the bottom of the loaf with a brush.
- 8. Place one of the loaves on the center of a cutting board. With a large sharp knife, use a forward and downward motion to cut slices at a 45° angle 1 inch/2.5 centimeters thick.
- 9. Return the slices to the baking sheet spacing the pieces equally apart down each side with the cut sides upright.
- 10. Bake for another 8 to 10 minutes.
- 11. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and transfer pieces back to a cooling rack. Once cool, serve and enjoy!

Makes about 1 dozen pieces plus 4 end pieces. Store biscotti in a tightly sealed container.

TIPS & THOUGHTS

My preference is to make this recipe with dark cocoa powder. To reduce cost, yet retain much of the same flavour and colour, I have used a blend of equal parts dark and regular cocoa powders.

To add a visual and subtle flavour dimension to this recipe, when rolling the dough balls into cylinders, roll each ball in about 1/6th cup/80 milliliters sliced almonds.

PAIRINGS

Hey, it's chocolate – how can you go wrong?!?