



# Christmas Jumper Cookies

9 Portions



Medium

● up to 60 Min.



## Ingredients:

### For the Christmas Jumper Cookies:

150 g Unsalted Butter (softened)  
150 g Caster Sugar  
10 ml Dr. Oetker Madagascan Vanilla Extract (2 tsp)  
250 g Plain Flour  
12.5 ml Ground Ginger (2 1/2 tsp)  
12.5 g Mixed Spice (2 1/2 tsp)  
5 g Dr. Oetker Bicarbonate of Soda (1tsp)

### To decorate:

10 g Icing Sugar (To dust)  
Dr. Oetker Ready to Roll Coloured Fondant Icing (Green, Red, Blue and Yellow)  
20 ml Honey (4 tsp, clear runny honey)  
50 g Dr. Oetker 35% Milk Chocolate  
30 g Dr. Oetker Ready to Roll Marzipan  
Dr. Oetker Bright Writing Icings

- 1 Use the writing icings to decorate the jumpers.
- 2 **For the Christmas Jumper Cookies:**
  1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan oven, Gas Mark 4). Line 2 large baking trays with baking parchment. Put the butter and caster sugar in a bowl and beat until well blended and creamy. Stir in the Vanilla Extract.
  - 3 Sieve the flour, Bicarbonate of Soda and spices on top. Carefully combine to make a mixture that resembles a crumble topping and using your hands, bring the mixture together to form a firm dough. Turn on to a lightly floured surface and knead gently until smooth and pliable.
  - 4 Roll out the dough to a thickness of ½ cm (¼ inch). Using an approx. 10cm (4inch) wide jumper shaped cookie cutter, cut out 9 shapes, re-rolling the dough as necessary. Arrange on the trays and prick with a fork. Chill for 30 minutes.
  - 5 Bake the cookies for about 20 minutes until firm and lightly golden round the edges. Cool for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



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## 6 To Decorate:

Gently knead each coloured fondant one at a time and roll out on a surface lightly dusted with icing sugar cutting out 2-3 jumpers out of each coloured fondant – you will need 9 jumper in total.

- 7 Place the features onto the reindeer's faces, using a tiny brush of honey to help them stick in place if needed.
- 8 Gently roll each icing jumper a little more to make it slightly larger to better fit the top of the cookies. Brush the cookie tops with honey and stick the icing jumpers on top. Set aside - if your cookies are for a gift, see note at end of recipe.
- 9 Put the Milk Chocolate in a small heatproof bowl and place on top of a saucepan of barely simmering water. Leave to melt, then remove from the water and leave to cool for 10 minutes. Spoon all but a teaspoonful of the chocolate into a small uncut piping bag. Keep the remaining chocolate over hot water to keep it melted.
- 10 Working on one jumper at a time, snip a thin piece from the point of the piping bag using scissors and pipe a reindeer head-shaped pool of chocolate in the middle of each cookie. Leave in a cool place to set for about 15 minutes.
- 11 Whilst the chocolate is setting make the features, use marzipan to make antlers by rolling a small sausage shape and cutting the end to make the antler shape. Roll a small ball of marzipan for the eyes and blob a tiny drop of chocolate to create the pupil. Roll a small sausage shape out of marzipan slightly bigger than the antler a bend to make a smiley mouth. Roll a small ball of red fondant for the nose. Make sure you have enough features for all your reindeers.
- 12 Place the features onto the reindeer's faces, using a tiny brush of honey to help them stick in place if needed.

