Cookie Christmas Tree

Total Time: 165 mins Portions: 24 Portions



Ingredients

For the dough

100 g Unsalted butter roomtemperature
50 g Caster Sugar
1 Medium Egg
1 tbsp Taylor & Colledge Vanilla Bean Paste
250 g Plain Flour
0.5 tsp Baking Powder
pinch Salt

For the decoration

250 g Icing Sugar2 Egg Whites1 tbsp Taylor & Colledge Vanilla Bean Extract about 50 g Sprinkles

Preparation

- 1. In the bowl of a standing or hand mixer, beat the butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy.
- 2. Add the vanilla paste and egg and beat until combined.
- 3. Gradually add the flour, baking powder, and salt, and beat until well combined.
- **4.** Wrap the dough tightly with plastic wrap and chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours, or overnight.
- **5.** Line two baking sheets with baking paper and set aside.
- **6.** Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F).
- **7.** Place the cookie dough on a floured surface and roll it out to 0,5 1 cm.
- **8.** You'll need 6 star shaped cookie cutters in different sizes. Cut out the dough with the cookie cutters, 3 cookies each size, and place the cookies 2 cm apart on the prepared baking sheets. Repeat until all the dough is used.
- **9.** Bake for 10 12 minutes or until the cookies are golden brown around the edges.
- **10.** Meanwhile, beat the icing sugar and egg whites with a standing or hand mixer until combined. Increase the speed until stiff peaks form. Scoop into a piping bag with a small round nozzle.
- 11. Once the cookies are completely cooled, decorate them with icing and sprinkles.
- **12.** To assemble the tree, start with the largest cookies at the base, stack your tree, piping a small drop of icing onto each cookie.