



FUN FACT

In a survey, 52% of adults said they enjoy eating holiday treats more than they enjoy opening gifts.

How to...

WARNING!

Always ask an adult's permission before using a knife or the oven.



Use cake mix to bake cookies

Ingredients

- 1 box cake mix, such as gingerbread, lemon, red velvet, white, or chocolate
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup mix-ins, such as freeze-dried strawberries, Peppermint Patties, mini Peanut Butter Cups, mini M&M's, cinnamon, chopped Oreos, or white chocolate chips
- Assorted toppings, such as sanding sugar, edible glitter, lemon curd, powdered sugar, snowflake sprinkles, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal

Instructions

1. Choose a box cake mix and the mix-ins and toppings that will go with it. See "Choose your cookie combination" (below) for what you will need for the cookies shown.
2. Make a basic cookie dough: Combine the package of cake mix, vegetable oil, and eggs in a large bowl and stir ingredients until smooth.
3. Add up to 1 cup of the mix-in you plan to use. The batter should be thick. If it's too thin to hold its shape, add up to ½ cup all-purpose flour to thicken.
4. Refrigerate cookie dough for 30 minutes, then use an ice cream scoop to portion out balls of dough, arranged about 3 inches apart, on parchment-lined baking sheets. Next, follow the instructions below for your chosen cookie combination.
5. Bake at 350°F for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about 18 cookies. If you like, you can repeat the steps above with another cake mix to make more cookie combinations.

Choose your cookie combination

Start with one of the cake mixes below, then follow the instructions above.

Gingerbread cake mix



To make **gingerbread snowflake cookies**, roll the cookie dough balls in powdered sugar and snowflake sprinkles before baking.



Another option is **lemon gingerbread cookies**. Press the back of a teaspoon into the cookie after baking to make an indent, then fill each indent with lemon curd.

Lemon cake mix



Create **sparkling lemon cookies** by rolling cookie dough balls in sanding sugar and edible glitter before you put them in the oven.



Or try making **strawberry lemon cookies** by mixing freeze-dried strawberries into the batter before baking. Add more freeze-dried strawberries on top after baking.

Red velvet cake mix



Mix white chocolate chips into the batter to make **white chocolate red velvet cookies**. Before baking, top the cookies with more white chocolate chips.



Make **Oreo red velvet cookies** by adding chopped Oreos to the cookie batter and sprinkling a few additional Oreo cookie pieces on top before you bake them.

White cake mix



Bake **M&M's cookies** by mixing mini M&M's candies into the batter and adding more candies on top of each cookie before baking.



Make **French toast cookies** by mixing 1 teaspoon of cinnamon into the batter, then rolling the cookie dough balls in crushed Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal before baking.

Chocolate cake mix



Make **chocolate peppermint cookies** by mixing chopped Peppermint Patties into the batter. Top cookies with more chopped candies



before baking. For **chocolate peanut butter cookies**, mix chopped mini Peanut Butter Cups into the cookie batter. Before baking, top each cookie with more chopped Peanut Butter Cups.