

Cookie Dough Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup <u>Maisie Jane's Almond Butter</u> or <u>Gingerbread Nut Butter</u>
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Filling Ingredients

- 1/3 cup fruit preserves (apricot, raspberry, or your favorite flavor)
- Powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)

Directions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- 2. In a mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar until light and fluffy.
- 3.Add the egg and vanilla extract to the butter-sugar mixture and beat until well combined.
- 4. Stir in the Maisie Jane's Almond Butter or Gingerbread Nut Butter until the
- mixture is smooth and well incorporated.
- 5. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, ground ginger, ground cinnamon, ground cloves, and salt.
- 6. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing until a soft cookie dough forms.
- 7. Roll the cookie dough into 1-inch balls and place them on the prepared baking sheets, leaving a little space between each.
- 8. Use your thumb or the back of a teaspoon to create an indentation in the center of each cookie. Make sure not to press all the way through the cookie.
- 9. Bake in the preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, or until the edges of the cookies are lightly golden.
- 10. Remove the cookies from the oven and let them cool on the baking sheets for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.
- 11. Fill each indentation with a small amount of fruit preserves, using your favorite flavors to add a festive touch.
- 12. Dust them with powdered sugar for an extra touch of holiday magic.

These Almond Butter Gingerbread Thumbprint Cookies combine the classic flavors of gingerbread with the richness of almond butter, making them a perfect addition to your Christmas cookie lineup. They are not only delicious but also a fun and festive treat to share with family and friends during the holiday season!

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