Mini chocolate chip cookies

Ingredients:

1 large lemon

75g (30z) softened butter or margarine

75g (3oz) caster sugar 75g (3oz) soft light brown sugar

1 medium egg

175g (Goz) plain flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

150g (50z) white chocolate chips

For decorating: 100g (40z) white chocolate

You will also need 2 baking trays.

Makes around 40

These little cookies have lemon dough and white chocolate chips, but you can make classic chocolate chip and other flavours — see the opposite page.



Meat the oven to 180°C, 350°F or gas mark 4. Grease the baking trays. Grate the zest from the outside of the lemon. Then, squeeze the juice from half the lemon.

2 Put the lemon zest, butter or margarine, caster sugar and soft light brown sugar in a big bowl. Beat them until the mixture is smooth.





Break the egg into a small bowl. Beat with a fork. Add it to the big bowl a little at a time, beating well each time. Add 1 teaspoon of lemon juice and mix that in, too.



4 Sift the flour and baking powder into the bowl. Stir the mixture until it is smooth. Add the white chocolate chips and stir them in.



Take a half teaspoon of the mixture and use your hands to roll it into a ball. Put the ball of dough on a tray and flatten it slightly.





Y Use a spatula to lift the cookies onto a wire rack to cool. When they have cooled, melt the white chocolate and drizzle it over them.

Other flavours

For classic chocolate chip cookies, leave out the lemon and use plain or milk chocolate chips. At step 3, add 1 teaspoon vanilla extract instead of the lemon juice.

Instead of the lemon, you could use 1 orange or 2 limes.

For chocolate cookie dough, use just 150g (50z) flour, then sift in 4 tablespoons cocoa powder with the flour in step 4.