Jan's "Famous" Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup Shortening
- 1 cup Brown Sugar
- 1/2 cup White Sugar
- 2 large Eggs
- 2 teaspoons Vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups All-Purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 1 teaspoon Baking Soda
- 12 oz. Chocolate Chips
- 1 cup Chopped Walnuts (optional)

Steps

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F
- 2. Combine flour, salt, and soda—mix well.
- 3. Cream shortening, sugars, eggs, and vanilla until light and fluffy—about two minutes.
- 4. Add flour mixture—beat until well incorporated, 1-2 minutes (start on lowest speed for the first 10-15 seconds to avoid flour cloud).
- 5. Mix in chocolate chips (and optional walnuts).
- 6. Drop by heaping tablespoons on ungreased cookie sheet.
- 7. Bake for approximately 13 minutes.
- 8. Remove to wire rack to cool.