WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES WITH DRIED CHERRIES

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups uncooked old-fashioned rolled oats
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar

- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 package (12 oz) white chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
- 1 cup dried cherries or cranberries

Directions

- 1. Heat oven to 375 degrees; process oats in a food processor to a fine powder. Combine oatmeal, flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl. Set aside.
- 2. Beat together butter and sugars in bowl of an electric mixer on medium speed until combined; beat in eggs and vanilla until fluffy. Reduce speed to low; add dry ingredients, about 1/2 cup at a time. Stir in chips, walnuts, and dried cherries.
- 3. Drop by tablespoonful on greased baking sheets. Bake in batches until golden, about 10 to 12 minutes, rotating baking sheet after 5 minutes.
- 4. Remove to wire racks; cool.

Yield: 5 dozen cookies

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