

Tried and Tested: Soft Molasses Cookies

These cookies are sweetened with dates and molasses and use almond and coconut flour as a base. They are a lower added sugar, higher fibre holiday dessert option.

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Recipe Makes: 30 cookies

Ingredients:

3 ½ cups blanched almond flour

1/4 cup coconut flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

¼ teaspoon salt

12 dates, pitted

1/3 cup molasses

1/4 cup milk of choice

½ cup melted margarine

2 large eggs

Instructions:

- 1. In a large bowl, stir together the almond flour, coconut flour, baking powder, spices, and salt.
- 2. Put the dates, molasses, milk, margarine, and eggs in the bowl of a food processor or in a strong blender. Blend on low speed until the mixture is smooth. While blending, scrape down the sides of the food processor/blender as needed.
- 3. Pour the date mixture into the dry ingredients. Mix until well combined. Refrigerate the cookie batter for 20 to 30 minutes.
- 4. While the dough is in the fridge, line to 9×13 -inch (23×33 cm) baking sheets with parchment paper and preheat the oven to $350^{\circ}F$ ($175^{\circ}C$).
- 5. Remove the dough from the fridge. Using 1 rounded tablespoon per cookie, roll the dough into balls and place the cookies on the prepared baking sheets. Leave about 1 inch between cookies.
- 6. Bake for 7 minutes, then remove cookies from the oven. Using a fork, gently flatten each cookie. Bake for another 8 minutes. Allow to cool on pans for 10 minutes before enjoying.