

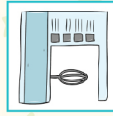
# DIRECTIONS



1. Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in a large bowl. Set aside.



2. Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy.



3. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed.



4. Press dough into a thick flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap.



5. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight.



6. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.



7. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness on a lightly floured work surface.



8. Cut into gingerbread men shapes with 5-inch cookie cutter.



9. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.



10. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies are set and just begin to brown.



11. Cool on baking sheets 1 to 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.



12. Decorate cooled cookies as desired.

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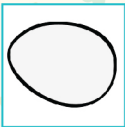
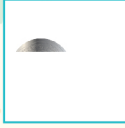
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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

# Gingerbread Man Cookies

## INGREDIENTS

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|  <p>3 cups flour</p>                 |  <p>1 teaspoon baking soda</p>      |  <p>3/4 cup butter, softened</p>           |  <p>1 egg</p>                       |
|  <p>2 teaspoons ground ginger</p>   |  <p>1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg</p> |  <p>3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar</p> |  <p>1 teaspoon vanilla extract</p> |
|  <p>1 teaspoon ground cinnamon</p> |  <p>1/4 teaspoon salt</p>         |  <p>1/2 cup molasses</p>                 |                                                                                                                      |