Pumpkin-Oat Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 1/2 cups quick oats 1 tsp baking soda 3/4 tsp salt 1 3/4 tsp ground cinnamon 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg 1/4 tsp ground ginger 1 cup unsalted butter, softened 1 1/3 cups packed light-brown sugar 2/3 cup granulated sugar 1 large egg 1 tsp vanilla extract 1 1/4 cups canned pumpkin puree 1 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl whisk together flour, oats, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger for 30 seconds, set aside.

In the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, whip together butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until creamy (occasionally stop and scrape down sides and bottom of bowl throughout entire mixing process). Blend in egg then blend in vanilla extract and pumpkin puree. With mixer set on low-speed, slowly add in dry ingredients and mix until combined. Mix in chocolate chips and pecans. Let batter rest 5 - 10 minutes (this just gives the oats some time to

absorb the liquids so batter isn't so sticky and cookies don't spread so much).

Scoop dough out 2 Tbsp at a time and drop onto Silpat or parchment paper lined baking sheets, spacing cookies 2-inches apart. Bake in preheated oven 12 – 14 minutes. Allow to cool on baking sheet several minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.