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These classic melt-in your-mouth cookies attain exotic flair with the addition of chai masala. They are perfect with a cup of oolong tea.

Ingredients

100g Icing sugar

200g Refined flour

8q Chai masala

100g Corn flour

200g Unsalted butter, softened

1 Vanilla Pod, seeds scraped out

Tips

Shortbread can also be baked in a round baking tin and cut into triangle wedges.

Substitutions/Variations Eliminate the chai masala for a classic shortbread.

Time Function Temperature





45-60 minutes



Method

- Preheat the oven to 160°C.
- Keep an ungreased 12" swiss roll tin ready.
- In a large mixing bowl of a food processor with a double bladed knife/ paddle attachment, process to combine icing sugar, refined flour, chai masala and corn flour.
- 4. Add butter and vanilla seeds and process again till you get a soft mixture that loosely clumps around the blade.
- 5. Turn mixture out onto swiss roll tray and flatten into an even layer using your fingers or the back of a cup.
- Using the tip of a sharp knife, make incisions and divide the flattened dough into uniform rectangular fingers leaving the dough inside the tray. Use a fork to prick holes in the centre of each finger.
- Shortbread should not be baked till crisp, but left crumbly and meltin-your-mouth. Bake for about 20-25 minutes. The shortbread is done when pale but slightly golden brown around the edges. Remove from oven and cool for a few minutes.
- Using a palette knife carefully separate the shortbread fingers along the previously made incisions. Gently transfer onto a cooling rack.
- Cool completely and transfer to an airtight container to store for up to 3-5 days.