

Mincemeat, Cookies Fine Gifts

By ELLY
Here are some more made-in-the-kitchen gift suggestions.
The mincemeat recipe makes almost nine pounds. It should be stored in a stone crock for three or four weeks to ripen before using or putting in jars for Christmas giving.

- 1 lb. dark brown sugar
1 lb. sultana seedless raisins
1 lb. muscat raisins
1 lb. currants
1 lb. beef suet, freshly ground
6 unpeeled apples, grated
8 oz. citron peel, diced
grated rind of 4 lemons
1/2 c. apple juice
4 T. nutmeg
3 T. cinnamon
2 T. ground coriander
1/2 c. dark rum
1/2 c. brandy

Place everything in a large stone jar. Stir and blend with the hands for 10 or 15 minutes. Wipe the inside part of the crock that is not filled with the mincemeat. Cover with a good layer of crumpled wax paper and a double thickness of heavy aluminum foil. Keep in a cool place three or four weeks before using. Stir once or twice during that period.

- 1 lb. whole filberts, shelled
1/2 c. butter
6 oz. red candied cherries
6 oz. green candied cherries
1/2 c. soft butter
1-1/2 c. light brown sugar, well packed
2 eggs
1 t. rose water or vanilla
2-1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1 t. baking powder
1/2 t. salt
1 t. soda
1/2 t. cinnamon
1/4 t. nutmeg
1 c. sour cream

Place the nuts in a 325-degree oven until lightly toasted, 10 to 15 minutes. Take out, cool and rub off the brown skin. Melt the one-third cup butter in a frying pan, add the nuts and stir over medium heat until lightly toasted. Cool. Stuff each cherry with one nut. Cream the butter and sugar until well blended. Add the eggs, rose water or vanilla and beat until light and creamy. Stir the dry ingredients together. Add to first ingredients alternately with the sour cream. Add just enough flour to make a creamy drop batter. Fold in the stuffed cherries.

Drop batter on to buttered cookie sheets, making sure there is one stuffed cherry per cookie. It does not matter where the cherry is placed, as the charm of these cookies is their rugged appearance. Bake at 400 degrees, eight to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Place on a wire rack and drizzle the wine glaze over the top (have waxed paper under the rack).

Wine Glaze: Blend together 1-1/2 cups sifted confectioners sugar with two tablespoons white wine and two tablespoons melted butter. When cookies are cold they may be individually wrapped with colored foil.

- SPICE RUM BALLS
1/4 c. rum
1 c. seedless raisins
1 c. pitted dates
1 c. dried figs
1/2 c. walnuts
1/2 c. filberts
2/3 c. sugar
1-1/2 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. cardamom (optional)

Heat rum, but do not boil, pour over fruits in a bowl. Cover and let stand overnight. Put fruits and nuts through a food chopper, then knead until you have a compact dough. Combine sugar, cinnamon and cardamom on a flat plate. Form dough into small balls and roll in spiced sugar. Let stand on cake rack until dry. Yields about 35.

Spice CABINET

CHICKEN BREASTS OLE
2 whole broiler-fryer
SIRLOIN, T-BONE OR PORTERHOUSE STEAK
1/2 cup salad oil
2 cans (15 1/2 ounces each) pea kidney beans
1/2 cup water
1 envelope (2 1/2 ounces) chili mix
Brown chicken breasts in salad oil in a skillet. Drain kidney beans; reserve liquid. Pour beans into 2-quart casserole. Place chicken breasts on top of beans. Blend water, chili mix and reserved bean liquid; pour over chicken and beans. Bake in 400-degree oven 45 to 50 minutes. Four servings.

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