

SOFT GINGERBREAD COOKIES

1/2 c. shortening

1/2 c. sugar

1/4 c. water

1 tsp. ginger

2 1/2 c. flour

1/2 tsp. soda

1/2 c. molasses

3/4 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/8 tsp. allspice

Cream shortening and sugar; blend in remaining ingredients. Cover. Chill 2-3 hours.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Cut into desired shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Cool.