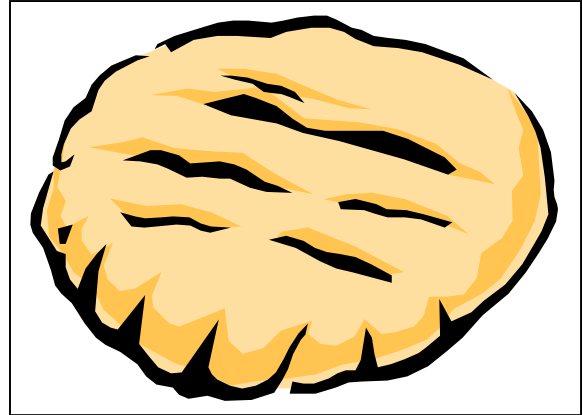


2006 Bake- Off Winning Peanut Butter Cookies

First Place Winner by Lisa Shellman

Peanut Butter Cookies

½ C. Shortening
1 C. Butter or Margarine
1 C. Granulated Sugar
1 C. packed Brown Sugar
2 Eggs
¾ Teaspoon Salt
1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
1½ Teaspoon Vanilla
1½ C. Peanut Butter
2½ - 3 C. Flour



Cream sugars, shortening and butter until smooth. Add eggs one at a time. Mix until well blended. Add Vanilla, salt, and soda. Blend in peanut butter. Stir in flour until just blended. Drop by rounded spoonfuls. Press with back of fork in criss-cross. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes.

Second Place Winner by Elena Iraci & Susan Vetromile

Peanut Butter Surprise Cookies

½ C. Shortening
1¼ C. packed Brown Sugar
¾ C. Peanut Butter
1 Egg or ¼ C. Egg Beaters
1 Tsp Vanilla
3 Tbs Milk
1¾ C. Flour
¾ Tsp Salt
¾ Tsp Baking Soda
*½ C. Roasted Hazelnuts Crushed
½ C. Nutella



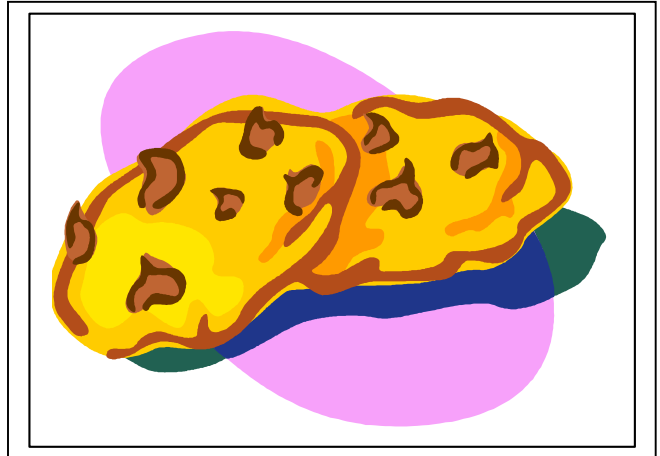
Preheat Oven to 350 Degrees. Combine shortening and brown sugar. Mix until blended. Add Peanut butter, mix, add milk, vanilla, egg until blended. Mix dry ingredients in a separate bowl, add the mix to the Peanut butter mixture, stir in hazelnuts. Use a size 24" (2 oz) scoop. Make a ball, poke a hole in the middle (not completely through), add 1 tsp Nutella in the hole, seal with cookie dough. Drop cookies onto ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with a little sugar. And flatten slightly with a fork in a criss-cross pattern. Bake 4 minutes, turn and bake 4 more minutes until light brown. Makes approximately 22 – 2 oz cookies.

* Roasted Hazelnuts – Spread on a cookie sheet, bake hazelnuts in 350 oven for 4/5 minutes or until lightly brown, When cooled, crush.

Third Place Winner by Betty Doyle

Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 2 C. Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 C. Peanut Butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Butter or Margarine, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Granulated Sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ C. packed Brown Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla
- 2 Large Eggs
- 2 C. Chocolate Chips



Heat oven to 375 Degrees. Mix flour and baking soda, set aside. Beat peanut butter, butter, sugars, and vanilla until fluffy. Beat in eggs. Gradually Beat in flour mixture until blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded spoonfuls 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8 – 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Let set on sheet for 1 minute before removing to rack to cool completely. Store tightly covered. Makes about 6 dozen.