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Chocolate Thumbprint Cookies

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook Time: 16 mins Rest Time: 20 mins Total Time: 56 mins

## Ingredients

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- > 3/4 cup(s) flour, all-purpose
- > 1/2 cup(s) flour, whole-wheat pastry
- > 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- > 1 cup(s) nuts, walnuts, toasted
- > 4 tablespoon butter, unsalted, cold, cut into pieces
- > 1/4 cup(s) oil, walnut, or canola oil
- > 1/2 cup(s) sugar, granulated
- > 1/2 cup(s) sugar, brown, light, packed
- > 1 large egg(s)
- 2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- > 5 ounce(s) chocolate, bitter or semisweet, chopped, or chocolate chips, melted
- > 6 tablespoon preserves, apricot

## Preparation

- Position rack in the center of the oven; preheat to 375°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
  Whisk all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl until well combined. Grind walnuts in a food processor until they resemble coarse meal.
- 2. Beat butter, oil, granulated sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until almost creamy-the mixture may still be a little grainy. Beat in egg and vanilla; scrape down the sides and beat in melted chocolate and the ground nuts. Stir in the dry ingredients with a wooden spoon until just incorporated.
- 3. Roll 1 tablespoon dough into a ball, place on the prepared baking sheet and flatten slightly until it looks like a deflated basketball. Continue with the remaining dough, spacing the cookies 2 inches apart.
- 4. Bake the cookies for 6 minutes. Remove from the oven and gently press your thumb or the end of a wooden spoon in the center of each cookie. Place 1/2 teaspoon jam in each indentation. Bake until the jam is melted and the cookie is set but still a little soft, 8 to 10 minutes more. Cool on the pan for 2 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Let the pan cool for a few minutes before baking another batch.

**Enhancements:** Use any flavor jam you want, just don't use preserves (the pieces of fruit may be too large) or jelly (it will melt too quickly and run).

