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Bacon Fat Gingersnaps

By Julia Moskin | YIELD 3 to 4 dozen

INGREDIENTS

3/4 cup/150 grams rendered bacon fat (from cooking 1 1/2 to 2 pounds bacon), chilled

1 cup/200 grams white sugar, plus extra for rolling

1/4 cup/85 grams molasses or cane syrup

1 egg

2 cups/250 grams all-purpose flour

1 ½ teaspoons/8 grams kosher salt

2 teaspoons/10 grams baking soda

2 teaspoons/10 grams ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon/3 grams ground cloves

½ teaspoon/3 grams ground cinnamon

PREPARATION

Step 1

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper or nonstick liners.

Step 2

In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, combine all ingredients. Pulse until a smooth, stiff dough forms. Wrap dough in plastic and chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours or up to 1 week.

Step 3

Put a thick layer of granulated sugar into a shallow bowl. Use your hands to break off a 1-tablespoon lump of dough and roll into a ball between your palms. Drop into the sugar, roll to coat and place on prepared pans. Repeat with remaining dough, placing dough balls 2 inches apart; they will spread out as they cook.

Step 4

Bake until flat and dark brown, about 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on baking sheet for a few minutes, then transfer to a rack to finish cooling. Repeat with remaining dough. Store cookies in an airtight container.

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