The Best Chocolate Chip Cookies Ever!

These are the best cookies ever. Any recipe that starts off with a pound of butter has a lot going for it! A plate of these beauties works wonderfully as a thank you or a bribe. I always make sure that those folks in my life who keep it running smoothly get a plate full a couple times a year. Think of the postal staff, bank employees, garbage folks - anyone who makes your life easier.

This recipe makes a lot of cookies. I make them really big and I can usually get 4-5 dozen. If you made them smaller, you could easily get 6 dozen. Enjoy!

- 1 pound of butter (4 sticks)
- 2 Tablespoons real vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 and 1/2 cups white sugar
- 6 cups flour
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 cups chocolate chips (two 12oz bags) I use a blend of dark chocolate, bitter chocolate, milk chocolate, semi-sweet and sometimes throw in a few white chocolate or butterscotch
- 2 cups chopped nuts optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- 1. Cream together softened butter and sugars. Beat in vanilla and eggs and mix for 3-4 minutes.
- 2. Add chocolate chips and nuts to the egg/sugar mixture.
- 3. In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt.
- 4. Add flour mixture to egg/sugar mixture. Mix, but NOT TOO MUCH. You'll make the cookies tough.
- 5. Drop cookies on ungreased cookie sheet. These are not "spreading" cookies so try not to pile the dough too high.
- 6. Cook 8-10 minutes for medium cookies or 10-12 minutes for really big ones.

Enjoy!

