## Cookie Cut Outs

| Prep time <br> 5 mins | Cook time <br> 15 mins | Total time <br> 20 mins |
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Serves: 24

## Ingredients

- "HEALTHIFIED" CHRISTMAS COOKIES
- $1 / 4$ cup butter
- $1 / 4$ cup cream cheese
- $1 / 2$ cup confectioners Swerve (or powdered erythritol and $1 / 2$ tsp stevia glycerite)
- $1 / 4$ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp extract (orange/lemon/vanilla/almond)
- $1 / 2$ tsp Celtic sea salt
- 2 cups blanched almond flour
- FROSTING:
- 2 cups confectioners' Swerve (or powdered erythritol and 1 tsp stevia glycerite)
- $1 / 2$ cup butter or coconut oil
- 2-4 TBS unsweetened almond milk
- 1 tsp extract (orange/lemon/vanilla/almond/strawberry)
- Natural Food Coloring


## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees $F$.
2. In a large bowl, cream the butter and the cream cheese for 1 minute.
3. Add the natural sweetener, baking powder, extract and salt and continue mixing until creamy.
4. Stir in the flour and chill.
5. Place the chilled dough out onto a greased piece of parchment and top with another piece of greased parchment Roll the dough out to 1 centimeter thick. Uncover the top parchment and use your favorite cookie cutters to cut out cookies.
6. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 1 inch apart and bake for 12-15 minutes.
7. To make the frosting, combine all the ingredients in a medium bowl (start with 2 TBS almond milk and add more to get desired thickness).
8. Add desired extract and color.
9. Place the frosting into Ziploc bags and cut a small corner out.
10. Squirt onto cookies.

## Notes

NUTRITIONAL COMPARISON (per serving)
Traditional Cookies $=159$ calories, 10 g fat, 2.8 g protein, 23.6 g carbs, 0.6 g fiber ( 23 effective carbs) "Healthified" Cookies $=116$ calories, 11 g fat, 2.2 g protein, 2.1 g carbs, 1 g fiber $(85 \%$ fat, $8 \%$ protein, $7 \%$ carbs)

