Holiday Cookie Mix

With this convenient mix, you can bake a batch of cookies in just 30 minutes—

12 cups all-purpose flour

6 cups sugar

2 tablespoons baking powder

1 tablespoon salt

4 cups shortening

In Fix-N-Mix® bowl combine first 4 ingredients. Cut in shortening till mixture resembles fine crumbs. Spoon into Maxi-Canister. Seal; store at room temperature up to 6 weeks. (For longer storage, place in freezer.) Makes 23 cups.

Cherry-Almond Drops: Combine 2 cups cookie mix, 1 egg, and ½ teaspoon

almond extract. Add ½ cup chopped almonds and ¼ cup finely chopped maraschino cherries. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 8 to 10 minutes or just till edges are lightly browned. Cool on rack. Makes 2 dozen.

Festive Cutouts: Combine 2 cups of cookie mix, 1 egg, and ½ teaspoon vanilla. Roll dough to ½-inch thickness. Cut with 2¼-inch cookie cutters. Transfer to ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° about 8 minutes or till light brown. Cool on wire rack. Decorate with icing, if desired. Makes 3 dozen.

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