Zucchini Spiced Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients:

2½ Cups (300g) All Purpose Flour 1 Tsp Baking Powder ½ Tsp EACH Baking Soda & Salt

2 Tsp Cinnamon

1/2 Tsp EACH Nutmeg & Coriander

½ Cup (99g) White Sugar

1½ Cup (320g) Brown Sugar, Light & Packed

1/4 Cup (84g) Honey

1/2 Cup (8 Tblsp) Unsalted Butter, Softened

1/2 Cup (113g) Lard

2 Tsp Vanilla Extract

2 Eggs, Large @ Room Temp

1½ Cups (200g) Zucchini; Shredded & Squeezed (to remove excess Water)

3 Cups (298g) Rolled Oats

8 Oz (227g) Walnuts; Unsalted, Roasted/Toasted & Coarse Chopped

4 Oz (114g) Apple Cinnamon Jammy Bits [King Arthur]

8 Oz (227g) Walnuts; Unsalted, Roasted/Toasted & Coarse Chopped

8 Oz (227g) Chocolate Chips/Chunks (Optional)

Yield: ∼42 Cookies @1.2 Oz

Directions:

1. Whisk Dry Ingredients together; Flour, Baking Powder & Soda, Salt, and Spices.

- 2. In Mixer Bowl cream Butter, Lard, Sugars and Honey until uniformly smooth, light, and sticks to the side of the Bowl.
- 3. Add Vanilla and beat until well blended.
- 4. Add Eggs and beat until light and fluffy.
- 5. Add Zucchini and beat until well blended.
- 6. Add Dry Ingredients and beat just until well blended. Don't overmix. Scrape bowl frequently to ensure all ingredients are well blended.
- 7. Add Oats, Walnuts, Jammy Bits, and, if used, Chocolate Chips/Chunks. Beat until evenly mixed.
- 8. Cover and refrigerate Dough for <u>at least</u> 3 hours.
- 9. Preheat Oven to 350°. Prepare Cookie Sheet(s) with Parchment Paper.
- 10. Scoop ~2½ Tablespoons of Dough (#30 Scoop) and "drop" Scoops 2 inches apart on Parchment Paper covered Cookie Sheet. If not using a Scoop, roll Dough into Balls before placing on Cookie Sheet.
- 11. Bake for 12 minutes or until very light brown on edges. Rest on Cookie Sheet for 5 minutes. Transfer to Cooling Rack.