Toasted Coconut Almond Meringue Cookies

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Yield: 2 dozen cookies

Ingredients

3 large egg whites

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

1/2 cup toasted finely chopped almonds

1/2 cup toasted shredded coconut



Directions

- 1. In a dry saucepan over medium heat, toast coconut until golden brown, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes.
- 2. In the same way, in a dry saucepan over medium heat, toast finely chopped almonds until golden brown, about 2 to 4 minutes.
- 3. Add cream of tartar to the egg whites and beat on medium speed until soft peaks form.
- 4. Add sugar one tablespoon at a time and continue beating until stiff peaks form.
- 5. Stir in almond extract and beat 30 seconds. Using a spatula, fold in coconut and almonds.
- 6. Spoon into a pastry bag with a wide tip and pipe the meringue into 1½ inch cookies onto a parchment-lined baking sheet, one inch apart.
- 7. Bake at 200 degrees for 2 hours. Cool on wire rack for 15 minutes and then remove cookies from the pans. Leave them to cool completely.
- 8. Store in an airtight container for up to five days. If cookies are chewy, heat in 200 degree oven for 10 minutes.