Chocolate Almond Cookies

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup of Blanched slivered almonds.
- 1 ½ cup of Packed light brown sugar.
- 2 cups of Shortening.
- 1 tablespoon of Water.
- 1 teaspoon of Almond extract.
- 2 x Eggs.
- 1 ½ cup of Flour.
- 1/3 cups of Cocoa powder.
- ½ teaspoon of Salt.
- 1/4 teaspoon of Baking soda.
- 2 cups of Semisweet chocolate chips.

Directions:

- 1. Toast blanched almonds until lightly browned.
- 2. Place the brown sugar, shortening, water, and almond extract in a large bowl. Beat until well blended. Add the eggs and beat well.
- 3. In a seperate bowl, combine the flour, cocoa, salt, and baking soda. Add to shortening mixture. Beat gently until combined. Stir in the chocolate chips and almonds.
- 4. Drop tablespoons of the mixture approximately 2 inches apart onto and ungreased baking sheet.
- 5. Bake at 375 F for 7-9 minutes or until cookies are set.
- 6. Cool 2 minutes on the baking sheet before removing them to a cooling rack.