



## A cookie press makes holiday baking easy

Home-baked goodness is the most economical and heartfelt choice for gifts and entertaining, but rolling out dough and cutting decorative cookies can be time consuming and messy. With a cookie press, bakers can achieve gift-worthy results quickly and easily, leaving more time for the rest of the holiday to-do list.

Here are some tips for using a cookie press to make Santa-worthy cookies:

- For best results, it's important to mix ingredients in the correct order listed in recipe directions. Changing order of ingredients can result in dough that will not work well with the press.
- Do not chill dough prior to using a cookie press.
- Add nonpareils, colored sugars or sprinkles to pressed cookies prior to baking.
- If cookie dough has an uneven surface where it has separated from the disk, simply pat top surface of dough lightly before baking.
- Pressed cookies will not release onto a warm cookie sheet. So while cookies are baking, press cookies onto parchment paper that has been cut to fit sheet. Simply slide parchment onto cookie sheets and bake.

### Classic Spritz Cookies

Yield: 6-7 dozen cookies

1-1/2 cups butter (3 sticks), softened

1 cup sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Colored sugar or sprinkles (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large mixing bowl, beat butter and sugar on medium speed of electric mixer, about three minutes or until creamy, scraping down sides as necessary. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add flour; mix on low speed just until blended, scraping down sides as necessary. (Dough will be soft; do not refrigerate.)

Fit cookie press with desired disk; fill with dough. Press dough onto cookie sheet one inch apart. Decorate cookies with colored sugar or sprinkles, if desired. 🍪

*Courtesy of The Pampered Chef*

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2009 Poinsettia Snowflake

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