



Favorite Double Chocolate Chip Cookies Recipe



Author: Sally **Prep Time:** 3 hours, 15 minutes (includes chilling)

Cook Time: 12 minutes **Total Time:** 3 hours, 30 minutes

Yield: 20-22 cookies

These soft-baked thick and chunky double chocolate chip cookies are rich and fudge-like with chewy centers, slightly crisp edges, and oodles of melty chocolate chips in each glorious bite. The dough needs to chill for at least 3 hours, but you can make it ahead of time and refrigerate overnight.

Ingredients

1/2 cup (8 Tbsp; 113g) **unsalted butter**, [softened to room temperature](#)
1/2 cup (100g) **granulated sugar**
1/2 cup (100g) packed light or dark **brown sugar**
1 large **egg**, at room temperature
1 teaspoon **pure vanilla extract**
1 cup (125g) **all-purpose flour** ([spooned & leveled](#))
2/3 cup (55g) natural unsweetened **cocoa powder**
1 teaspoon **baking soda**
1/8 teaspoon **salt**
1 Tablespoon (15ml) **milk** (any kind, dairy or non)
1 and 1/4 cups (225g) semi-sweet **chocolate chips**, plus a few more for optional topping*

Instructions

- Preliminary note:** This cookie dough requires at least 3 hours of chilling, but I prefer to chill the dough overnight. The colder the dough, the thicker the cookies.
- In a large bowl using a hand-held or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar together on medium high speed until fluffy and light in color, about 2-3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla extract, and then beat on high speed until combined. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.
- In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt together until combined. With the mixer running on low speed, slowly pour into the wet ingredients. Beat on low until combined. The cookie dough will be quite thick. Switch to high speed and beat in the milk, then the chocolate chips. The cookie dough will be sticky and tacky. Cover dough tightly and chill in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours and up to 3 days. Chilling is mandatory for this sticky cookie dough.

- 4 Remove cookie dough from the refrigerator and allow to sit at room temperature for 10 minutes. If the cookie dough chilled longer than 3 hours, let it sit at room temperature for about 20 minutes. This makes the chilled cookie dough easier to scoop and roll.
- 5 Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. ([Always recommended](#) for cookies.) Set aside.
- 6 Scoop and roll dough, a heaping 1.5 Tablespoons (about 35-40g; I like to use this [medium cookie scoop](#)) in size, into balls. To ensure a thicker cookie, make the balls taller than they are wide (almost like a cylinder or column). Arrange 2-3 inches apart on the baking sheets. The cookie dough is certainly sticky, so wipe your hands clean after every few balls of dough you shape.
- 7 Bake the cookies for 11-12 minutes or until the edges appear set and the centers still look soft. **Tip:** If they aren't really spreading by minute 9, remove them from the oven and lightly bang the baking sheet on the counter 2-3x. This helps initiate that spread. Return to the oven to continue baking.
- 8 Cool cookies for 5 minutes on the baking sheet. During this time, I like to press a few more chocolate chips into the tops of the warm cookies. (This is optional and only for looks.) Transfer to cooling rack to cool completely. The cookies will slightly deflate as they cool.
- 9 Cover leftover cookies tightly and store at room temperature for up to 1 week.

Notes

- 1 **Make Ahead & Freezing Instructions:** You can make the cookie dough and chill it in the refrigerator for up to 3 days (step 3). Baked cookies freeze well for up to 3 months. Unbaked cookie dough balls freeze well for up to 3 months. Bake frozen cookie dough balls for an extra minute, no need to thaw. Check out my tips + tricks for [how to freeze cookie dough](#).
- 2 **Special Tools** (affiliate links): Electric Mixer ([Stand Mixer](#) or [Handheld](#)) | [Medium Cookie Scoop](#) | [Baking Sheets](#) | [Silicone Baking Mats](#) | [Cooling Rack](#)
- 3 **Larger Batch:** The recipe is easy to double in 1 mixing bowl without overwhelming your mixer. Simply double all of the cookie dough ingredients. Dough chill time remains the same.
- 4 **Natural Cocoa Powder:** Do you know the difference between [natural cocoa powder](#) and [dutch-process cocoa powder](#)? Use natural in this dough.
- 5 **Other Add-Ins:** Instead of chocolate chips in the dough, you can use the same amount of peanut butter chips, white chocolate chips, M&Ms, chopped nuts, or butterscotch chips.
- 6 Be sure to check out my top 5 [cookie baking success tips](#) AND these are my 10 must-have [cookie baking tools](#).

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