



Peppermint Mocha Cookies



Author: Sally **Prep Time:** 3 hours, 30 minutes

Cook Time: 11 minutes

Total Time: 4 hours, 30 minutes (includes setting) **Yield:** 20-22 cookies

These peppermint mocha cookies will be the star of your holiday cookie tray and cookie exchanges! The candy cane crunch and white chocolate put them over the top!

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 teaspoon **peppermint extract**

1 cup (125g) **all-purpose flour** (spooned & leveled)

1/2 cup + 2 Tablespoons (51g) unsweetened natural **cocoa powder**

1 teaspoon **baking soda**

2 teaspoons **espresso powder** or 1 Tablespoon instant coffee granules

1/8 teaspoon **salt**

1 cup (180g) mini or regular size **semi-sweet chocolate chips**

8 ounces **white chocolate**, coarsely chopped

3 large **candy canes**, crushed

Instructions

- 1 In a large bowl using a handheld 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, vanilla extract, and peppermint extract, and then beat on high speed until combined. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.
- 2 In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, espresso powder, and salt together until combined. With the mixer running on low speed, slowly pour into the wet ingredients. Beat on low until combined and then beat in the chocolate chips. The cookie dough will be thick and very sticky. 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. (Always recommended for cookies.) Set aside.
- 5 Scoop and roll dough, 1.5 Tablespoons of dough each, into balls. A medium cookie scoop is helpful for this step. 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.
- 6 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.

- 7 Cool cookies for 5 minutes on the baking sheet, and then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely. The cookies will slightly deflate as they cool.
- 8 Melt the chopped white chocolate in a double boiler or use the microwave. For the microwave, place the white chocolate in a medium heat-proof bowl. Melt in 15 second increments, stirring after each increment until completely melted and smooth. Dip each completely cooled cookie halfway into the white chocolate and place onto a parchment or silicone baking mat-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle crushed candy canes on top of the chocolate. Repeat with the rest of the cooled cookies. Place the baking sheet into the refrigerator to help the chocolate set, about 1 hour.

Notes

- 1 **Make Ahead & Freezing Instructions:** Cookies stay fresh covered at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. Baked cookies (without white chocolate and candy cane) freeze well for up to three months. Decorate after they thaw. Cookie dough balls freeze well for up to three months. Bake from frozen, no need to thaw—just add an extra minute or two to the bake time. Read my tips and tricks on [how to freeze cookie dough](#).
- 2 **Special Tools** (affiliate links): Electric Mixer (Handheld or Stand) | Glass Mixing Bowl | Whisk | Baking Sheets | Silicone Baking Mats or Parchment Paper | Medium Cookie Scoop | Cooling Rack | Double Boiler (optional for melting chocolate)
- 3 **Chill Cookie Dough:** Make sure you chill the cookie dough for at least 3 hours. Chilling helps the flavors develop, prevent spreading, and makes the otherwise sticky cookie dough easy to handle.

- 4 **Larger Batch:** The recipe is easy to double in 1 mixing bowl without overwhelming your mixer. Simply double all of the ingredients. Dough chill time remains the same.

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