Braune Lebkuchen

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Ingredients:

1 C. sugar 5/8 C. butter or shortening; (may use half butter and half shortening 1 egg, beaten 2 C. molasses 4 TB candied orange peel cut fine 1TB grated lemon rind 6 C. flour 2 tsp. soda 2 tsp. bakers ammonia (optional) ½ tsp. ground cloves ½ tsp.ground nutmeg 1 tsp. cinnamon ½ tsp coriander or cardamom (optional) 34 C. buttermilk 1 C. almonds, blanched and split into halves (for decoration)







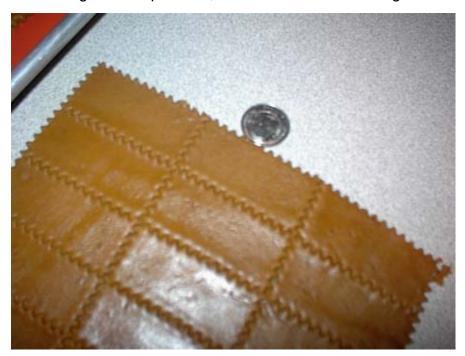
Cream sugar and butter or shortening. Stir in egg and molasses, and orange peel.
Sift together the flour, soda, Bakers Ammonia and spices.
Combine dry ingredients alternately with milk to molasses mixture.
Store overnight in the refrigerator.

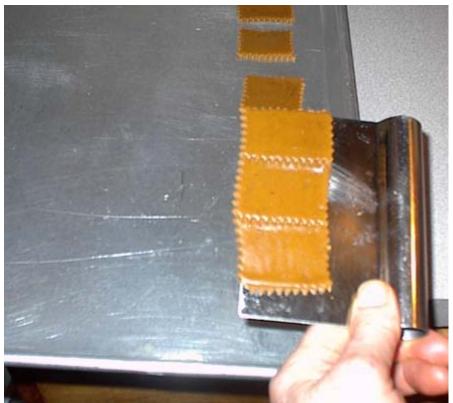
*Note; The longer you store this dough up to 6 months the better it gets. I leave the egg out if I am going to let this dough age.



 ${f 6}$. Next morning, roll out on floured board to ${\ensuremath{\cancel{1}}}{}$ inch thickness. Using fluted

cutting wheel if possible, cut into 2×3 inch rectangles.





Here is how I like to do this process for ease of handling.

Top with an Almond half. Sometimes I use a marichino cherry half. You can

top with slivered or sliced almonds or a decoration of your choice.



Bake the cookies on 325 degrees for 20- 25 minutes until lightly browned.

Let cool.

Store the cookies in a cookit tin or plastic storage container. . They improve with age.

The firm up a bit and are very good to serve with coffee or tea.