## **Chewy Sugar Cookies**

Best sugar cookie recipe I've found - Steve

## Makes 2 dozen cookies Ingredients: 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups (11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ounces) all-purpose 2 ounces cream cheese, cut into 8 flour pieces *1 teaspoon baking powder* 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/3 cup vegetable oil 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 large egg $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups (10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ounces) sugar, plus 1/3 1 tablespoon milk cup for rolling 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

- 1. Adjust oven rack to a middle position and heat oven to 350°.
- 2. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper
- 3. In a medium bowl whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together and set aside
- 4. Place 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups sugar and cream cheese in a large bowl
- 5. Place remaining 1/3 cup sugar in shallow dish and set aside
- 6. Pour melted butter over sugar and cream cheese and whisk to combine (some small lumps of cream cheese will remain, but will smooth out later)
- 7. Whisk in oil until incorporated
- 8. Add egg, milk, and vanilla and whisk until smooth
- 9. Add flour mixture and mix with rubber spatula until soft homogeneous dough forms
- 10. Divide dough into 24 equal pieces (about 2 tablespoons each or use 2-tablespoon scoop)
- 11. Working a dozen at a time, roll dough into balls and then roll in reserved sugar to coat and then place on prepared sheet (12 per sheet)
- 12. Using bottom of a drinking glass, flatten balls into 2-inch-diameter balls
- 13. Sprinkle tops of cookies evenly with 4 teaspoons of sugar (2 teaspoons per sheet) from the shallow bowl and discard remaining sugar
- 14. Bake cookies one sheet at a time until edges are set and just beginning to brown (11-13 minutes) rotating sheet after 6 minutes
- 15. Let cookies cool on sheet for 5 minutes and then transfer to wire rack