Grandma's War Time Orange Drop Cookies

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Grandma's War Time Orange Drop Cookies are an old family favourite dating back to the second world war when rationing was in force. Grandma always came up with a great cookie for everyone enjoy!

So where did this recipe come from? It's certainly an old one and the only history I have is that my Welsh grandmother was born in the late 1800's. She was a mother to 10 children and A LOT of grandchildren!



My father was the 7th child born, in 1937. So at the time of the Second World War, my father would have been about 7 years old. You can imagine in those times, when rationing was in force, and you have a huge family to feed and lots of children wanting sweet things to eat, you had to get creative that's for sure! My father used to tell me that when there was rationing, sugar was scarce, amongst many other ingredients, and so my grandma would make these cookies which don't use sugar.

When I was around 10 years old, I was lucky enough to have some of Grandma's War Time Orange Drop Cookies when I had gone for a visit. All I can say is they are absolutely delicious! My grandma at the time told me she would make these for all the children, and they would disappear before they even had time to cool!

Grandma's War Time Orange Drop Cookies are easy to make and the texture is soft and chewy. So if you're expecting a crunchy cookie, this isn't it! It's soft and fluffy and bursting with orange. The smell when these are baking is really quite something.

These are very popular with the younger kiddies too because they are a softer cookie. They go so great with a glass of milk and at Christmas time or Easter, these would be a lovely addition to your cookie collection.

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Prep Time: 15 Minutes Cook Time: 10 Minutes

Serves: 4 Dozen

Ingredients:

2 Tbs Orange Rind, grated
1/2 tsp Orange Flavouring
Juice of half an Orange
2/3 cup or 170 g Butter, softened
1 1/4 cups or 425 g Honey
1 Egg, beaten
2 1/2 cups or 310 g All Purpose Flour, sifted
3 Teaspoons Baking Powder
1/4 Teaspoon Salt

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F or 180 C.
- 2. Mix together the butter and honey.
- 3. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt, then add to the honey mixture and fold in beaten eggs, grated orange rind and orange juice.
- 4. Place in refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- 5. Drop the batter in teaspoonfuls and bake for about 8 10 minutes.
- 6. When done, leave in baking tray for 5 minutes then place on a cooling rack until cool. Enjoy with a nice cold glass of milk or a cup of coffee!



