## spice cookies gewürzplätzchen

> spritz
> cookies
> spritzgebäck
$1 / 2$ cup butter or margarine
$1 / 4$ cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar, firmly
$\quad$ packed
1 egg
$1 / 4$ cup molasses
$21 / 2$ cups unsifted flour 2 teaspoons baking soda 1 teaspoon cinnamon ( $1 / 2$ teaspoon ginger ( $1 / 2$ teaspoon ground cloves / $1 / 2$ teaspoon ground allspice

Cream butter, shortening, and brown sugar thoroughly. Blend in egg and molasses.
Sift together remaining ingredients. Stir into sugar mixture. Shape dough into $3 / 4$-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Flatten each ball with bottom of glass that has been greased and dipped in sugar. Bake in preheated $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven for 12 to 15 minutes. Cool cookies on racks.
Store in airtight tins. Makes 4 dozen.

## 1 cup butter <br> $2 / 3$ cup confectioners' sugar <br> 1 egg <br> 1 egg yolk <br> 1 teaspoon almond or lemon extract <br> $21 / 4$ cups unsifted flour <br> $1 / 4$ teaspoon salt <br> $1 / 2$ teaspoon baking powder

Beat butter and sugar until light. Beat in egg, egg yolk, and extract.
Sift flour, salt, and baking powder. Gradually add flour mixture to eggs. Chill dough $1 / 2$ hour.
Press $1 / 4$ of dough into cookie press. Keep remaining dough chilled. Shape cookies onto greased baking sheet. Bake in $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ oven 7 to 10 minutes, until done. Cool on wire racks. Store in airtight tins. Makes 4 to 6 dozen.

almond<br>crescents<br>mandel-halbmonde

## 1 cup butter or margarine

$3 / 4$ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
$11 / 2$ teaspoons almond extract
$21 / 2$ cups flour
1 cup ground almonds
Confectioners' sugar
Beat together butter and sugar until very light and fluffy. Blend in extracts. Mix in flour and almonds.
Using about 1 tablespoon of dough for each, shape into logs and bend into crescents. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, until light brown.
While warm, roll crescents in confectioners' sugar. Cool on racks. Store in a tightly sealed container. Makes 3 dozen.

