

## **Chocolate-Chocolate Chip-Peppermint Cookies**

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### **INGREDIENTS:**

1/4 C butter or margarine, softened  
1/4 C shortening  
1 1/2 C firmly packed brown sugar  
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2 large eggs  
1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
1 3/4 C All-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking soda  
3/4 tsp salt  
1/4 C cocoa  
3/4 C semisweet chocolate morsels  
3/4 C coarsely crushed peppermint candy (about 8 large candy canes)

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Beat butter + shortening at medium speed till creamy - gradually add sugars, beating well - add eggs, 1 at a time, beating till blended after each addition - stir in vanilla - combine flour + next 3 ingredients - add to butter mixture, beating till blended - fold in chocolate morsels + crushed peppermint candy.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls, 3" apart, onto lightly greased baking sheets. Bake 12-14 minutes at 350° F (do not over-bake). Transfer to wire racks to cool.

Yield: 2 1/2 dozen