Curtis Country Store Sugar and Spice Ginger Cookies

from Mary Jane Miller and In Our Grandmothers' Kitchens

Ingredients:

3/4 cup shortening

1 cup granulated sugar plus additional sugar for coating

1 egg

1/4 cup molasses

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoon cinnamon

3/4 teaspoon ground ginger

2 teaspoons baking soda

2 cups flour

Instructions:

Cream together the shortening and the cup of sugar. Beat in the egg and the molasses. Stir in the seasonings and soda, followed by the flour.

Chill at least 1 hour or overnight.

When you are almost ready to bake preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Roll the dough into 2-tablespoon-sized balls and then roll them in granulated sugar.

Bake on parchment or silicone for 8 to 10 minutes. "They won't look done, but you don't want to over bake them," says Mary Jane.

Cool the cookies on their sheet; they will flatten themselves out.

Makes 30 cookies.