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LAURA CARPEY'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Salty Oatmeal Chocolate Chunk Cookies

*This is a great cookie recipe! - Laura Carpey*

Makes 28-32 Cookies

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 lb. (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 C light brown sugar, lightly packed
- 3/4 C granulated sugar
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 3/4 C all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 1/4 C old-fashioned oats, such as Quaker
- 1 bag semi-sweet chocolate chunks
- 3/4 C dried cherries
- sea salt

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 375°. Line 3 sheet pans with parchment paper.

In an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar on medium-high speed for 3 minutes, until light and fluffy. Scrape down the bowl with a rubber spatula. On low speed, add the vanilla, then the eggs, one at a time. Scrape down the bowl again.

Meanwhile, sift the flour, baking soda, and salt into a medium bowl. Mix in the oats. With the mixer on low, slowly add the flour mixture to the butter-sugar mixture. Don't overbeat it! With a rubber spatula, stir in the chocolate and dried cherries until the dough is well mixed. With a 1 3/4" ice cream scoop (or two spoons), scoop round balls of dough onto the prepared sheet pans.

Sprinkle lightly with sea salt. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until nicely browned. Serve warm or at room temperature.



*NOTE: If you prefer cookies thin and crisp, bake them straight from the mixing bowl. If you prefer them chewy in the middle and crisp outside, chill the balls of dough. MAKE IT AHEAD: Scoop balls of dough, place in sealed containers, and refrigerate for up to a week or freeze for up to 3 months. Defrost and bake before serving. Baked cookies can be stored in plastic bags and preheated for 5 minutes at 350°.*

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# Winter Driving Safety - Some Tips to Help You Avoid Danger on Snow & Ice

The National Safety Council reports that fatal car accidents are '14% more likely to occur on the first snowy day of the season.' This is because drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to winter driving from the year before. But making it past the first snowy day does not truly mean your risk for an accident has decreased. It is important to exercise proper caution throughout the winter months.

## What To Do On Icy Roads

- Drivers must adopt a unique approach to driving when the roads are icy. A good rule of thumb is to decrease speed to about 50% of your normal speed. Driving too fast on ice will result in loss of control. However, it is also important to not drive too slowly because your car requires some momentum to stay in motion on a slippery surface.
- Pressing the brakes too hard can result in skidding. If your wheels lock up, gently apply the brakes, never slamming them. Also, know if you have anti-lock brakes on your car and read your owners manual about how to utilize anti-lock brakes. Generally you will not want to 'pump' your brakes if you have anti-lock brakes.
- Turn your headlights on, even during the day. And keep your headlights and taillights clean by using a snow brush or ice scraper.

## What To Do When Skidding

- Skidding is the bane of drivers on icy roads. The best way to remedy skidding is to prevent it. Do not speed, and increase the normal distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. You must be extra cautious on slippery roads.
- A common mistake people make when skidding on an icy surface is to slam on the brakes. Doing this can exacerbate the situation. For even more in-depth information on how to recover from skidding, see Weather.com's Driving Safety Tips.

## What To Do When Stuck In The Snow

- Avoid pressing the accelerator too much as this can cause your car to sink deeper into snow.
- Turn your steering wheel to the left and right a few times to clear some of the snow from around your tires.



- Keep a shovel in your trunk or backseat so you can dig your car out.
- Once you've done all of this, gently touch the accelerator to ease out of the snow.

Remember, if the roads are in bad shape, the best thing you can do is to not drive. Of course, sometimes you don't have a choice. In that case, be prepared, and be patient. For more information, please see the article 'Prepare Your Car for Winter Weather' on the Carpey Law website.

## PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST Winners!

Congratulations to the bearded dragon Rufus A.K.A "Batman" for winning 1st place in this year's Pet Halloween Costume Contest!!  
2nd place - Circus Monkey Paco.  
3rd place - Bandit the Pirate.  
Honorable mention is awarded to Gracie the Pumpkin Cat.



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*Top Ways To Celebrate The Holidays... Covid Edition!*



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or try baking one of Laura Carpey's Recipes! Find our cookbook on our website, and be sure to share your creations by tagging @carpeylaw on social media!



## CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

What a perfect time for a holiday movie marathon?! We encourage everyone to stay safe this holiday season, and there's no better way than with a family movie night with some holiday snacks.



## LOVE PARK XMAS VILLAGE

Now COVID safe, LOVE Park at City Hall will be open for some holiday cheer. Half the vendors as usual, limited capacity, but all the fun. Happy Holidays!

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