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To say the least, my love for cookie making did not get an early start. I believe my passion for baking cookies began while I was running my café business in the late ' 90 s.

Although the thought of baking cookies was daunting at first, once I worked through the process and understood the techniques, knowing what to do became second nature. I believe that many people do not like baking cookies because they think that what they're attempting will not turn out right. To them I say, do not be intimidated by how daunting it seems. If Allan can bake cookies, so can you.

In this book, I share my love for the variety of ways that cookies can be made. It features 25 recipes for no-frills cookies that taste decadent. You don't have to have innate talent or fancy equipment to do so.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to take what I am sharing and make it your own, such that someday it will find a place in your collection of heirloom cookie recipes.

So, what are you waiting for? Let's start baking cookies!

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## Makes about 80 cookies

## INGREDIENTS

75 g ground almonds
$1 / 4$ tsp ground cinnamon
1 medium egg white
80 g unsalted butter, at room temperature
100 g castor sugar
1 medium egg yolk
$3 / 4$ tsp grated lemon zest
$3 / 4$ Tbsp maple syrup
30 g dried papaya, diced
30 g pumpkin seeds

## METHOD

1. Preheat oven to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Line and grease baking trays
2. Mix ground almonds and cinnamon in a mixing bowl. Set aside.
3. Using an electric mixer with a whisk attachment, whisk egg white at medium-high speed until semi-stiff. Set aside
4. In another clean bowl, whisk butter and sugar until fluffy Add whisked egg white, followed by almond mixture and then egg yolk. Add lemon zest and maple syrup. Mix to incorporate all the ingredients.
5. Using a tablespoon, scoop dough into balls and arrange slightly apart on prepared baking trays. Flatten balls slightly with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle with dried papaya and pumpkin seeds.
6. Bake for $10-15$ minutes or until cookies are golden brown.
7. Leave cookies on tray for about 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.


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\text { Makes about } 60 \text { cookies }
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INGREDIENTS
80 g unsalted butter
100 g honey
5 sprigs curry leaves, washed, dried and cut
30 g salted egg yolk powde 10 small red chillies, diced $1 / 2$ tsp chicken seasoning powder 180 g cornflakes

## METHOD

1. Preheat oven to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Prepare baking trays and some small paper baking cups
2. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and honey. Add curry leaves and fry for 2-3 minutes until leaves are slightly crispy. Add salted egg yolk powder and stir well.
3. Add chillies and chicken seasoning powder. Continue frying the mixture until aromatic.
4. Add cornflakes and stir gently to combine. Remove mixture from heat.
5. Scoop a teaspoonful of mixture into each baking cup and arrange cups on prepared baking trays.
6. Bake for $10-15$ minutes or until cookies are golden.
7. Leave cookies to cool completely on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.


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\text { Makes about } 65 \text { cookies }
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INGREDIENTS
60 g dessicated coconut + more for coating
225 g plain (all-purpose) flour
50 g potato starch
1 tsp double-acting baking powder
$1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$ bicarbonate of soda
$1 / 4$ tsp salt
120 g unsalted butter, at room temperature
200 g palm sugar (gula melaka), grated
$1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{Tbsp}$ coconut oil
1 medium egg yolk
2 Tbsp coconut cream

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Line and grease baking trays.
2. Spread 60 g dessicated coconut on an ungreased baking tray and toast in the oven for $5-10$ minutes until lightly golden. If necessary, stir coconut midway to ensure an even colour. Leave dessicated coconut to cool and the oven heated.
3. Sift flour, potato starch, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt together 3 times. Set aside.
4. Using an electric mixer with a paddle attachment, beat butter and palm sugar at medium-high speed for 5-6 minutes.
5. Add coconut oil and beat for 1 minute. Add egg yolk and beat until incorporated.
6. Add toasted dessicated coconut and coconut cream. Mix well. Add toasted dessicated coconut and coconut cream. Mix well.
Add flour mixture and mix to form a dough. Do not overbeat.
7. Spread the remaining dessicated coconut on a tray. Using lightly floured hands, roll dough into balls, each about 15 g . Coat balls with dessicated coconut and arrange on prepared baking trays.
8. Bake for $35-40$ minutes
9. Leave cookies to cool completely on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.


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Allan Albert Teoh is a self-taught baker whose hobby of weekend baking flourished into a popular culinary enterprise, AllanBakes. Well known for his delicious cheesecakes, Allan was crowned one of the four Cheesecake Heavenly Kings in a countrywide contest organised by Lianhe Wanbao. Allan's wonderful treats have also been recognised further afield at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2011 in Paris, where his first book, AllanBakes Really Good Cakes, clinched the Best Desserts Cookbook Award for Singapore. At the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2013, his second book, AllanBakes Really Good Treats, was named the Best Pastries Book for Singapore. Allan's third book, AllanBakes Really Good Cheesecakes, was published in 2013.

In 2012, Allan mentored the winner and runner-up of the Junior MasterChef Australia (Season 2) when they visited Singapore to do a cooking demonstration at the Singapore Expo. Subsequently, Allan became a full-time culinary coach and consultant. In 2017, Allan joined Chef's Secrets Cooking \& Baking Resource Centre as a partner. Allan continues to share his recipes and love for baking through the culinary workshops that he conducts at private cooking schools and community centres.

