

"Coconut Jam Drops"

A Popular Nigerian Holiday Favorite, These Cheerful Looking Cookies Feature A Pool Of Raspberry Preserves In The Center.

Ingredients:

- 8 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter (Softened)
- ½ Cup Granulated Sugar
- 1 Large Egg
- 1 Teaspoon King Arthur Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1-1/2 Cups King Arthur Unbleached All Purpose Flour
- ¾ Teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Cup Shredded Coconut (Unsweetened)
- ¼ Cup Raspberry Preserves

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment or lightly grease.
- 2. To make the dough: In a large bowl, beat together the butter and sugar until pale. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Scrape the bowl; add the flour, baking powder, salt and half of the coconut. Mix until evenly combined.
- 3. To Assemble: Scoop the dough by the tablespoonful, roll into a ball and roll in the remaining coconut. Place the coated balls of dough 2" apart on the prepared baking sheets.
- 4. Press a dent in the center of each cookie and fill with ½ Teaspoon of Raspberry Preserves.
- 5. Bake for 15 minutes, until pale golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool on the pan for 5 minutes before transferring to a rack to cool completely.
- 6. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 2 weeks.