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# Worldwide Ginger Snaps

**Recipe Number:** 87

**Prep time:** 15-20 minutes

**Cook time:** 10-12 minutes

**Oven Temp:** 350°

**INGREDIENTS:** ¾ C Shortening  
1 C Sugar  
1 Egg  
4 Tablespoons Molasses  
2 t Soda  
½ t Salt  
1 t Cinnamon  
1 t Ginger  
2 ¼ C Flour

**DIRECTIONS:** Cream shortening and sugar thoroughly. Add beaten egg, molasses and sifted dry ingredients. Mix well. Place in refrigerator until chilled. Remove and roll into small balls the size of a walnut. Roll in granulated sugar. Place cookie on sheet one + one half inches apart. So not flatten the balls will flatten and become cracked in 12 minutes. Bake at 350. Bakes 50 cookies.

**STORY:** *I was born and raised on a farm near Hershey, NE. Hershey is twelve miles from North Platte, where the "Famous North Platte Canteen" originated during World War II. Hershey and all the other surrounding towns had their day to serve the soldiers at the canteen. The people were all happy to use their gas, sugar and coffee rations for our soldiers. No one complained. Our local paper still receives thank you letters from the soldiers saying they will never forget the North Platte Canteen.*

*I wasn't able to participate in the canteen because I was living in California at that time and working at Bendix, which was a defense plant. We manufactured all kinds of defense items needed by our soldiers. I also wasn't able to send my ginger snaps to the soldiers because I didn't receive the recipe until 1945, when a friend from Sioux City, Iowa sent it to me. It has been one of favorites ever since, my friends too.*

*The ginger snaps became famous at the time my nephew was serving in Afghanistan. His mother sent him some of her cookies and he wrote back thanking her for the crumbs. We then decided it was time to try sending my ginger snaps. They arrived in excellent condition in one or three weeks. They soon acquired the name "World Wide Ginger Snaps". Another reason the name was changed to "World Wide Ginger Snaps" was because my nephew shared them with Service Personnel who came from various countries all over the world. I also received thank you notes from service men from all over the world. So please try them, I am sure you will enjoy them.*

