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Dalmatian Puppy Cookies

These seem to be everyone's favorite treat to make with the ZANDA PANDA Puppy mold. The recipe is also on the back of the Puppy Mold's box.



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No-spread cookie dough:

- * 6 cups flour
- * 1 Tablespoon baking powder
- * 2 cups unsalted butter
- * 2 cups superfine sugar (not powdered)
- * 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
- * 3 tsp. vanilla extract
- * 1 tsp. almond extract
- * 1 tsp. fine grain (table) salt
- * Red gel food coloring (optional)

Directions:

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and almond extracts. Mix well.

Mix dry ingredients together and add gradually to egg mixture. Mix until flour is completely incorporated. Chill for 1 to 2 hours.

Lightly dust Puppy Mold with flour. For one big, round cookie, roll cookie dough into a 9" circle, then press into the mold.

For individual Puppy Cookies, dust mold with flour and press dough into the puppy shape of the mold.

For best detail, bake right in the mold, but cookies can also be baked on a cookie sheet. Bake 7-12 minutes, depending on thickness, until edges are golden brown.

To make a Dalmatian Puppy Cookie: Paint melted chocolate directly into the mold for eyes, nose and spots. For a pink tongue, add a tiny bit of red gel food coloring (use a toothpick) to a small amount of dough, blend and press into the mold. Then gently press cookie dough into just the puppy shape of the mold. Bake 5-10 minutes, depending on thickness. Melted chocolate can also be painted on the cookie after baking, using a small artist's brush.

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