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# Ice Box Cookies

**Recipe Number:** 130

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

**Cook time:** 12 minutes

**Oven temp:** 350

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 cup white granulated sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup lard, (shortening)  
1 cup butter, (margarine)  
3 eggs  
1 cup nuts (optional)  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 teaspoon soda  
¼ cup hot water  
6 ½ cups flour

**DIRECTIONS:** In order mix and make in loaf. Slice and bake.

**STORY:**

*Our family has made a living raising cattle and corn in Nebraska for seven generations. Five of those generations have shared these simple Ice Box Cookies with the men of the fields, unexpected visitors, and each other. Before electricity we had the simple ice-box, and in winter our family cut and hauled blocks of ice from the Republican River to a dug out cave to store and use in the wooden ice box for milk, butter and Ice Box Cookies during the coming year. A simple spice cookie, most ice-box and refrigerator cookies were rolled in small rolls wrapped in wax paper & slices were cut off to bake. My Grandma Nina Baker Andrews stored her dough wrapped in wax paper and placed in a wooden cheese box so that when you sliced off a cookie and baked it, "the men got a nice big square cookie." She always kept them in a clear glass cookie jar, and recalled in later life that with 16 grandchildren her cookie jar was never broken.*

*My mom, Lucetta Andrews made them in a kitchen stove that burned cobs which I, Norman Andrews carried in every day after school with my brothers. My daughter, Lisa Andrews Lyons, now has the job of feeding the guys in the field and uses the Ice Box Cookie as a quick, convenient, always ready snack. My grandchildren, Abby, Andy, Alex and Ben Lyons, are just starting out in 4-H and helping in the kitchen, and as always the first chance to help is slicing and baking Ice Box Cookies.*

*In remembering our family's arrival to Nebraska in September of 1873, Great Great Grandma Catherine Andrews wrote that when they arrived with 60 head of cattle, 12 horses, five children and a sixth due in December, "We slept in the wagons and put up the camp stove with some boards around it to keep the wind from interfering with the draft. We had a brush covered dining room and all in all we lived in a beautiful large spacious house, which had a ceiling more grand than any house I have ever been in."*

*If you select us, you can film four generations in the kitchen, then we will pour a glass of milk, grab a plate of Ice Box Cookies and step out on the patio under that same beautiful Nebraska sky Grandma Catherine Andrews loved so much.*

