

Special Dark Chips Make These Cookies Champions

(NAPSA)—If you thought there was no way to improve the chocolate chip cookie, you may be in for a mouthwatering surprise.

For more than 70 years, semisweet chips have been the chips of choice for the traditional chocolate chip cookie recipe for many bakers. However, according to a recent preference test conducted by an independent research firm, the majority of consumers who were surveyed preferred new Hershey®'s Special Dark® Chips over the leading brand of semi-sweet morsels in cookies baked with the same cookie recipe.

"I use only the very best ingredients when I bake chocolate chip cookies," says Chef Wayne Harley Brachman, co-host of the Food Network's *Melting Pot*. "The mildly sweet flavor of Hershey's Special Dark Chips transforms ordinary chocolate chip cookies from good to great simply because these chips taste better."

Here's a delicious recipe for the most popular cookie in America:

HERSHEY'S SPECIAL DARK Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- ½ cup butter-flavored shortening
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1¼ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt



The chips used in these delicious cookies are not chips off the old chocolate block.

- 2 cups (12-oz. pkg.)
 HERSHEY'S SPECIAL DARK
 Chocolate Chips
 34 cup chopped nuts.
- ¾ cup chopped nuts, optional
 - 1. Heat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Beat butter and shortening in large bowl until well blended. Add brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat thoroughly. Add egg and vanilla, beating until well blended. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into butter mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts, if desired. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.
- 3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack.

Cool completely. About 3½ dozen cookies.