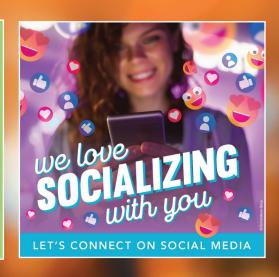
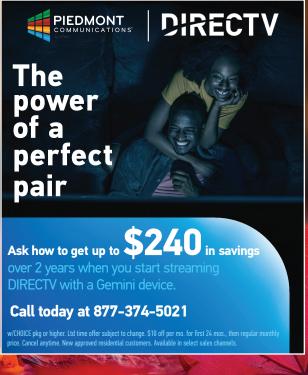


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Cookies:

- 1 cup white sugar
- · ½ cup shortening
- · 2 eggs, separated, divided
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C). Grease
- 2. Make the cookies: Beat sugar, shortening, and egg yolks together in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and
- 3. Sift flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a separate bowl; add to shortening mixture in batches, alternating with milk, beating briefly after each addition until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Drop spoonful's of dough 2 inches apart onto the prepared baking sheets.
- 4. Bake in the preheated oven for 10 to 15 minutes; transfer to a wire rack and allow to cool completely.
- 5. Make the filling: Beat confectioners' sugar, shortening, reserved egg whites, and salt together in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Stir in vanilla.
- 6. Choose 2 cookies of the same size; spread a thick layer of filling on the flat side of one cookie; top with remaining cookie. Repeat with remaining cookies and frosting.



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