

## Brown Butter Hazelnut Chocolate Cookies

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These large, bakery-style cookies are made with richly browned butter, crunchy chopped hazelnuts and premium milk and dark chocolate bars and then lightly salted - the ultimate chocolate chip cookies.

| Course | Dessert <br> American |
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| Cuisine | 30 minutes |
| Prep Time | 12 minutes |
| Cook Time | 30 minutes |
| Chilling Time | 40 cookies |
| Servings | 116 kcal |
| Calories | Sam Merritt |
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## Ingredients

- 3 sticks butter
- 2 cups light brown sugar packed
- 1 cup sugar granulated
- 3 large eggs preferably room temperature
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- $41 / 4$ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- $1 ½$ tsp baking soda
- $3 / 4$ tsp salt
- 1 cup chopped hazelnuts
- 6 oz premium dark chocolate bars (I used Ghirardelli 60\%) (chopped into fine pieces to small chunks).
- 6 oz premium milk chocolate bars chopped into fine pieces to small chunks
- Flaky sea salt for sprinkling optional


## Instructions

1. Place your butter in a medium-sized saucepan and melt over low heat.
2. Increase heat to medium (do not walk away from your butter or it will burn, trust me) and swirl occasionally with a wooden spoon as the butter snaps and crackles.
3. Let the butter snap and pop (while stirring occasionally), and once this begins to slow, begin to stir the mixture constantly.
4. The butter will be foamy so it will be difficult to tell once it has begun to brown, but once you begin to smell the unmistakably nutty aroma of browned butter, remove from heat (still stirring continuously) and pour into a heat-proof container (If you accidentally burn
the butter, which you will know if you did because it will smel/burnt, then do not use it or you will have burnt-tasting cookies.).
5. Allow butter to cool for at least an hour and a half before proceeding.
6. Once butter has cooled, combine in KitchenAid (or with hand-mixer) with sugars, beating on medium-speed until well combined
7. Add eggs one at a time, pausing to scrape down the sides and then beating well after each addition.
8. Stir in vanilla extract.
9. In separate bowl, whisk together flour, cornstarch, baking soda and salt.
10. Gradually (with mixer on low-medium speed) add flour mixture to butter mixture, pausing periodically to scrape down sides of bowl (Caution - this dough is thick, you may need to switch over to stirring by hand as my KitchenAid started to struggle).
11. Stir in hazelnuts and your chocolate chocolate pieces.
12. Scoop cookie dough into about 3 Tbsp-sized balls (I roll together two leveled scoops from my $1 \frac{1}{2 \prime \prime}$ Tbsp cookie scoop), place in wax-paper lined container and repeat until all dough has been rolled into balls. Cover with lid or clear wrap and refrigerate at overnight (preferably at least 12 hours, for best flavor).
13. Once dough has refrigerated, preheat oven to 350F and line cookie sheets with parchment paper.
14. Bake 11-14 minutes (be aware that if you let your cookie dough sit out while the first sheets cook, the cookie dough will approach room temperature and will require less time to cook -- that is why there is so much variability here. Most of my cookies took about 1213 minutes, but I prefer them a bit under-baked. If you do not like yours under-baked, watch for edges that are just beginning to turn a slightly golden brown).
15. Remove from oven and lightly sprinkle with flaky sea salt, if using.
16. Allow cookies to cool at least 10 minutes on cookie sheet before transferring to cooling rack to cool completely.

## Nutrition

Serving: 1cookie | Calories: $116 \mathrm{kcal} \mid$ Carbohydrates: $26 \mathrm{~g} \mid$ Protein: $2 \mathrm{~g} \mid$ Fat: $1 \mathrm{~g} \mid$ Saturated Fat: $1 \mathrm{~g} \mid$ Cholesterol: 12 mg | Sodium: 99 mg | Potassium: 33 mg | Fiber: $1 \mathrm{~g} \mid$ Sugar: $16 \mathrm{~g} \mid$ Vitamin A: 18 IU | Calcium: 13 mg | Iron: 1 mg

