Condensed Milk Cookies

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Ingredients:
Cherry Compote:
Cold water $-\frac{1}{4}$ cup, 62 g
Cornstarch - 1 TBSP, 10 gLemon juice - 2 TBSP/28g
Cherries, whole and pitted - 2 cup, 400 g
Natural granulated sugar (cane sugar) - 4 TBSP, 56 g

Condensed Milk Cookies:
Natural granulated sugar $-\frac{1}{4}$ cupLemon zest (optional) - about 1 TBSP, the zest of 1 large lemon, divided O Butter, softened - 13 TBSP, 180g

## Details:

Yield: 14 to 16 cookies
Total time: 30 minutes
Active time: 10 minutes to make the cherry compote, 5 minutes to make the cookie dough.

Baking time: 10 minutes
Equipment: Large mixing bowl, baking tray, parchment paper, cookie scooper

My Prep:

Steps:
Cherry Compote:
Mix the $\frac{1}{4}$ cup/ 62 g of cold water and the 1 tablespoon $/ 10 \mathrm{~g}$ of cornstarch until dissolved. If using frozen cherries, combine the 2 tablespoon $/ 28 \mathrm{~g}$ of lemon juice with these.

Add the previous mixture to a small pot. Place in the $2 \mathrm{cup} / 400 \mathrm{~g}$ of cherries, the lemon juice (if you haven't added in the step before) and the 4 tablespoons $/ 56 \mathrm{~g}$ of sugar. Gently mix and let it boil, then cook for 5 extra minutes, until you see the fruit is breaking and the liquid is thickening. Retire from heat and let it cool.

After cooled down, use an immersion blender to break down the fruit until smooth. Very small pieces of fruit is ok.

Sweetened condensed milk - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, 154 g
Vanilla extract (optional) - $\frac{1}{2}$ Tsp
$\bigcirc$ All-purpose flour (preferably unbleached) - 2 cups, 270 g
Pinch of salt
Confectioner's sugar to dust after baked - about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup/28g

My recipe highlights:

## Extra notes:

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Condensed milk cookies:
Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$. Line with parchment paper or a silicon mat a baking sheet.

Rub the $\frac{1}{4}$ cup with half of the lemon zest for about a minute and set aside. If not using lemon zest, just leave the sugar in a small bowl or plate to roll the cookies dough later.

With a silicon spatula, mash the 13
tablespoons 180 g of butter just to make it smooth. Pour the $\frac{1}{2}$ cup $/ 154 \mathrm{~g}$ of sweetened condensed milk, the $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of vanilla and the remaining lemon zest (if using) and mash everything up and then mix until small lumps of butter. Add the 2 cups $/ 270 \mathrm{~g}$ of flour and the pinch of salt and stir to combine. When everything is well incorporated start pressing the dough to make it loosely compact.

Take about 1 tablespoon of the dough and roll it to make a ball. Roll that dough ball through the lemon zest sugar. Place ball in the baking sheet and press it down using a flat-bottom utensil until it's about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick. With your fingers perfect the rounded shape. Using your thumb press the cookie in the center diagonally to make half of the heart, then repeat with your other thumb to press the other side. Use your index fingers to refine the heart shape.

Bake for 9 to 10 minutes, until deep golden yellow in color. Edges can be a bit darker. Let them cool down completely in the baking sheet.

Dust confectioner's sugar on top of the cookies. Transfer blended cherry compote to a pastry bag or large Ziplock bag and cut the tip. Fill the heart shaped hollow. Use a chopstick or toothpick to bring compote to the edges and refine the shape.

Cookies are ready to eat!!

