Chocolate Biscotti

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This recipe is a really simple way of making the traditional Italian treat. This recipe is chocolate and almond, although you can leave out the chocolate and use 2 tbsp. lemon zest to make a zingy lemon biscotti.

Ingredients:

400g caster sugar 300g plain flour 60g cocoa powder 150g flaked almonds 5 eggs 1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 tsp. baking powder Pinch of salt

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C.
- 2. Line two baking trays with parchment paper.
- 3. Combine the eggs, vanilla extract, baking powder, salt, caster sugar, plain flour and cocoa powder until smooth. Fold in the almonds.
- 4. Shape the dough into two loaves, one on each baking tray. Make them around 10cm by 30cm and around 3cm thick.
- 5. Cook for thirty minutes and then remove from the oven and leave to cool for half an hour.
- 6. Turn the oven down to 170C and slice the loaves into 3cm thick slices.
- 7. Place the slices cut side down onto a baking tray and bake for 15 minutes, then turn over and bake for another 15 minutes.

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