

Good Ol' Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

This week was my father's birthday, and of course I felt the duty and delight to bake something for him! However, like myself, he isn't a big cake fan. With limited time on my hands, a pie sounded like a large endeavor. Then I remembered one of his favorite desserts, oatmeal raisin cookies. While in no way glamorous, they always put a smile on his face, so what better gift really? Not to mention, I had been spying the recipe over at Bittersweet, after VeggieGirl did her own positive review of them. While the Bittersweet Vegan Blog is filled with decadent desserts (as is her cookbook *My Sweet Vegan*), these humble cookies seemed to smile at me with a pleasant healthy treat charm.

The recipe is a vegan (no eggs, no dairy), and I admittedly like the concept. After all, without eggs, you can sample as much batter as you want … and I did. The batter was really good, yet not as sweet as I expected. It was a prediction of things to come as these tasty cookies leaned more toward hearty than indulgent. My father is a bit of a health nut, so they suited his taste buds quite well.

I followed the direction exactly, making no alteration or additions. The cookies are a snap to whip up, and they made about 24 medium-sized snacks. Really, these could be described as an almost virtuous afternoon snack!