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Savory Parmesan Shortbread

Makes 2 logs - or about 24 cookies

Looking for an alternative to sweet things this season? These savory cheese shortbread are guaranteed to be a hit! The dough is easily mixed, and quickly formed into two log forms. Once chilled, it's a slice-and-bake routine. Pair these handcrafted savory shortbreads with a bottle of bubbly for a charming gift offering this season.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) chilled salted butter
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese, reserve 2 tablespoons
- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary, reserve1 teaspoon
- 1 teaspoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon flake salt

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Place the butter in a stand mixer with the paddle attachment and blend on medium-low until the butter becomes creamy.
- 3. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, parmesan, salt, cayenne, and rosemary. Gradually add the flour mixture to the butter until all the ingredients are evenly combined.
- 4. Add 1 teaspoon of water to bring the mixture together.
- 5. Divide the dough in half and roll each half into a log. Wrap the logs in plastic wrap and chill until firm, roughly 1 hour.
- 6. Slice the log into 1/4" cookies. Sprinkle the cookies with the remaining parmesan and rosemary and bake for 12 minutes or until the edges begin to become lightly golden brown.
- 7. Once baked, transfer the shortbreads to a cooling rack and sprinkle with flake salt.