

THE GREAT AMERICAN CHOCOLATE COOKIE

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INGREDIENTS:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- 3 4-ounce bars semi-sweet chocolate
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee powder
- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate

chips

INSTRUCTIONS: Melt butter and chocolate bars together; cool. Sift together flour, soda and salt. Beat eggs with sugar, vanilla and coffee powder. Add melted chocolate; mix until smooth. Blend in flour mixture; add chocolate chips. Drop on greased cookie sheets by teaspoonsfuls and bake at 350° for 8 to 10 minutes.