

Here in Northern Virginia, Washington DC, and Maryland the weather has been brutal. Today the kids were released early from school because of the cold weather and the College Football National Championship game coming on tonight it's a perfect time for some quick cookies.

I usually bake these cookies when I want something sweet but quick to bake and eat. **Tip:** Use a small ice cream scoop to form balls of dough, and they'll bake into gorgeous, perfectly round cookies every time.

Quick Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 (1lb. 2.25-oz) pkg Chocolate Cake mix

1 (6-oz.) pkg (1 cup) of semi-sweet chocolate chips

½ cup raisins

½ cup oil

1 tsp vanilla

2 large eggs, slightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In large bowl, combine all ingredients; blend well. Using a small ice cream scoop or drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto cookie sheet (or use ice cream scoop). Bake at 350° F for 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet.