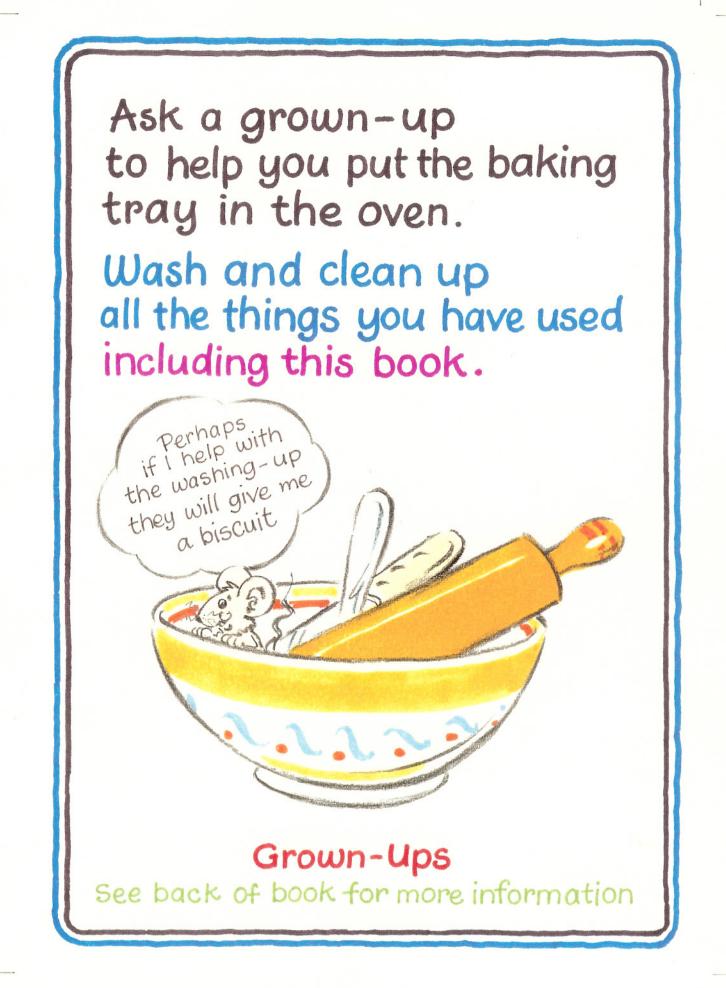


When the rolled pastry is as thick as your finger, take the knife and cut out any shape you like.

Using the knife, lift the pastry carefully onto the baking tray.

Now take the left-over pastry, make a ball and start again.



## Instructions for grown-ups

## **Butter Shorts**

Ingredients 4 oz. butter (110 grams or ½ packet) 2 oz. caster sugar (50 grams) 6 oz. plain flour (175 grams) Caster sugar for dredging

Grease baking tray. Cream the soft butter with a fork, add the sugar and beat until pale and fluffy. Work in the flour and knead lightly together with the fingertips to form a ball (If the pastry begins to crumble, add a little water). Roll this out  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch thick, on a lightly floured surface or between sheets of non-stick paper.

Did Dan & Daisy tell you? you can make faces or patterns on the biscuits using goodies like raisins, chocolate chips, or pieces of candy!

Using a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch pastry cutter or a blunt-tipped knife, cut out shapes and lift them on to the baking tray with a small palette knife. (Although pastry cutters are very convenient, children can get a lot of fun and satisfaction cutting their own shapes with a knife.) Allow about an inch of space between each biscuit. Prick each biscuit with a fork, and bake just above or in the centre of a pre-heated oven, at 150° c or 300° f (mark 2) for about 40 minutes or until faintly tinged with brown. Cool on a wire rack. For additional sweetness, dredge the biscuits with caster sugar. Butter shorts will keep in a container for about 10 days.

Note: You can help the child by pre-measuring the ingredients in a separate bowl or cup for them.

Warning: Do not put this book near heat.

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