Gingerbread Cookies

This cookie dough is not sticky

Does not need to be chilled before using

Does not need flour on the rolling surface

Simmer 15 minutes: 1 cup molasses and 1 cup shortening. Let cool completely. Cream together: 1 cup sugar, 1 egg and 1 tsp. Vanilla. Dissolve 1 tsp. Soda in a 1/2 cup water; Add soda mixture and molasses mixture to egg mixture and blend. Add 6 cups flour, 1/4 tsp cloves, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp. salt, and 1/2 tsp. ginger. Mix well until mixture forms a ball. Roll out thin, cut with cookie cutters. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 min.