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from the kitchen of Shutta Crum

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| 1 cup butter | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup powdered sugar | ½ cup finely chopped almonds |
| ¾ teaspoon almond extract | flaked coconut for hair |
| 1 ¾ cups flour | whole cashews for toenails |
| ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa | |

Pre-heat oven to 350° F.

Cream butter, sugar, and almond extract.
Blend in flour, cocoa, salt, and nuts.
Form teaspoonfuls of dough into toe shape.
Sprinkle on coconut for hair.

Press whole cashew into tip for toenail.
Bake 12-15 minutes on ungreased cookie sheets.
Let sit for a minute before transferring to a wire rack to cool.



Makes 4-5 dozen

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