Special Occasion Sugar Cookies

2 cups sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
3 eggs
3 tsp baking powder
4-5 cups flour

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs. Beat well. Add baking powder. Stir in flour to make a soft dough. Chill dough (can freeze). Roll thin on floured cloth. Cut into shapes appropriate for holiday (hearts for Valentines, shamrocks for St. Patrick's day, bunnies or crosses for Easter, fall leaves or pumpkins for Halloween, turkeys for Thanksgiving, etc). Can sprinkle with colored sugar crystals before baking. Bake on parchment paper lined cookie sheet at 375º for 5-6 min. Do not brown.