TOFFEE APPLE CHEESECAKE





Comforting and satisfying flavours of sautéed apples, cinnamon and caramel in a classic baked cheesecake ideal for the autumnal apple glut.

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SERVES 10

INGRED	IENTS	Approx Unit Price	Approx Ingredient Cost
TOFFEE	APPLES		
1kg	apples (approx 6), cut into 1cm cubes	0.00266	\$0.00
50g	Chelsea Caster Sugar	0.00233	\$0.12
2g	ground cinnamon	0.04440	\$0.09
BASE			
300g	malt biscuits	0.00716	\$2.15
135g	melted butter	0.00718	\$0.97
FILLING			
750g	cream cheese, softened	0.01039	\$7.79
225g	Chelsea Caster Sugar	0.00233	\$0.52
30g	maize cornflour	0.00243	\$0.07
2	no.6 eggs	0.20967	\$0.42
5ml	vanilla extract	0.07446	\$0.37
300ml	cream	0.00485	\$1.46
TOFFEE	SAUCE		
100g	butter	0.00718	\$0.72
200g	Chelsea Soft Brown Sugar	0.00280	\$0.56
200ml	cream	0.00485	\$0.97

METHOD

Prepare the apples: peel, core and dice the apples neatly. Cook in a saucepan with the caster sugar and cinnamon until apple is softened but retains some texture. Split into two (half for the filling and half for the topping).

Prepare a 23cm springform cake tin; grease and line the base and sides with baking paper.

Break up the biscuits and put into food processor. Process until rough crumbs, then add the melted butter and continue processing until all mixed.

Tip biscuit mix into the prepared cake tin and press down firmly. Ensure base is as even as possible and chill until firm.

Clean and dry the food processor bowl, then add the cream cheese. Process until smooth and soft, then add all remaining filling ingredients and process until well mixed, but do not overblend. Mix in half of the reserved apple.

Preheat oven to 180°C (if using a fan oven, lower the heat to 160°C).

Wrap base of cake tin in 2 layers of tin foil - this is to prevent any water seeping in from the water bath whilst cooking.

Pour cheesecake filling into tin and put tin into a large, deep oven tray. Fill tray 1/3 of the way up the tin with hot water and put into oven.

Cook for 45 minutes, then check - if browning too quickly cover tray with tin foil. When cooked, there should just be a slight wobble in the centre of the cheesecake when shaken gently. If not cooked, reduce heat to 160°C and continue cooking - check again every 10 minutes until cooked. It usually takes 60-70 mins to cook, but exact timing will depend on your oven.

Remove from oven and leave to cool in the tin on a wire rack for 30 mins. Loosen sides of springform tin and cool completely.

Toffee Sauce

Melt the butter and sugar together until dissolved. Add the cream, bring to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes. Cool.

Mix the remaining toffee apple with the toffee sauce and spoon over cooled cheesecake.

BAKED CHEESECAKE TIPS

- Ensure ingredients are at room temperature before mixing.
- Ensure filling ingredients are smoothly blended but do not over-mix which could cause too much air to be incorporated into the mixture.
- Check cooking before suggested time and do not overcook as cheesecake will be dry.
 Centre of cake should wobble very slightly when gently shaken. It will firm as it cools
- If browning on top too quickly, cover top loosely with foil (not touching surface of cake) and continue cooking.
- Line sides of tin with baking paper to allow for easy removal when cooled.

COST PER PORTION GROSS PROFIT % SALES TAX	\$1.62 70 % 15%
MIN. SELLING PRICE (per portion)	\$6.21

Costs based on average wholesale prices at February 2014

VARIATIONS

- Pear and Ginger Toffee Cheesecake: replace the apples with pears, the cinnamon with ground ginger and add some chopped crystallised ginger.
- Bake in a large loaf tin for a rectangular presentation.
- Replace the apple in the cake (not the topping) with chopped canned peaches.
- Replace the apple with 100g raisins soaked in 30ml rum for a Rum and Raisin cheesecake.

PROFIT

If portioned into 10 slices, cost per serve is \$1.62 exc. GST. A selling price of \$6.20 inc. GST will return 70% inc. GST gross profit. Cost of goods will vary according to apple season and prices – don't forget to order tag 2 produce where possible.

NUTRITION

• Contains wheat, egg and dairy products.

SERVICE

- Mark portions before displaying as a whole cake and cut slices to order, or pre-cut and display ready to serve.
- Serve with thick yoghurt to cut through richness or with a fresh berry coulis.
- Keep portion sizes small as this is a rich and dense cheesecake.