

Vanilla Cheesecake with Berry Compote



Preparation time: 60 mins
Serves: 12 people
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Ingredients

- 250g digestive biscuits
- 125g butter, melted
- 750g cream cheese, at room temperature
- 3 teaspoons vanilla essence
- 3/4 cup caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 300g sour cream
- 2 tablespoons cornflour, sifted

- Edible flowers such as strawberry flowers, optional, to serve

Berry Compote

- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 250g strawberries, hulled and halved
- 125g raspberries

Method

1. Release the base from a 23cm (base measurement) springform pan and invert. Secure the base back into the pan. Line base and side with baking paper.
2. Place biscuits in a food processor and process until finely crushed. Add butter and process until combined. Transfer to prepared pan. Use the back of a spoon or a straight-sided glass, spread and press the biscuit mixture firmly over base. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 170°C/150°C fan-forced. Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, vanilla and sugar until smooth. Beat in sour cream and flour. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until combined and scraping down the side of the bowl with a spatula.
4. Pour cream cheese mixture into prepared pan. Bake in oven for 1 hour or until almost set in the centre. Turn oven off. Leave cheesecake in oven, with the door slightly ajar, until cooled (this will prevent the cake from cracking). Refrigerate overnight.
5. To make the Berry Compote, place caster sugar and 2 tablespoons water in a frying pan. Bring to the boil. Boil, swirling pan occasionally, for 2-3 minutes or until syrup thicken and reduces. Add strawberries and gently stir to coat in syrup. Cook for 1-2 minutes or until syrup turns pale pink and strawberries are slightly warmed through (do not overcook). Remove from heat. Stir in raspberries. Set aside to cool.
6. Remove cheesecake from pan. Decorate top of cheesecake with berry compote and flowers, if you like.

Notes

Tip: To cut cheesecake, dip your knife into a bowl of hot water. Wipe dry. Use the hot knife to cut, reheating and drying the knife between slices.

Nutritional Information

Serving size	Energy	Protein	Total fat	Saturated fat	Carbs (total)	Carbs (sugar)	Sodium	Fibre	Vitamin D
175g	2390kJ 571kcal	9.6g	42.7g	25.8g	36.4g	25.8g	316mg	2.3g	1µg

All nutrition values are per serve.