

Classic New York Cheesecake

Base

125g Gingernut biscuits125g Shredded Wheat biscuits150g melted butter

Filling

500g cream cheese
140g caster sugar
120g sour cream
3 large eggs at room temperature
Zest of 1 lemon
1 tsp vanilla extract
100ml pouring cream

Topping

180g sour cream 50g icing sugar Ground nutmeg

- 1. Line a 20cm cheesecake tin with baking paper and preheat oven to 140 degrees Celsius
- 2. Process biscuits to a fine crumb and stir in melted butter. Should be consistency of wet sand
- 3. Press crumb evenly into the base and up the sides of the cake tin and keep in freezer while you make the filling
- 4. Beat cream cheese and caster sugar until smooth
- 5. Add sour cream, vanilla, zest and eggs and continue beating until well incorporated and smooth
- 6. Finally add the pouring cream and beat until mixed well
- 7. Pour filling over biscuit base and place cheesecake on the middle shelf of the oven. Beneath the cheesecake, place a baking tray with hot water
- 8. Bake for 1 hour or until the edges of the cake are beginning to rise, and the centre of the cake should still be a little wobbly
- 9. Set cheesecake aside and turn the oven to 180 degrees Celsius while making the topping

- 10. Whisk sour cream and icing sugar together in a small bowl until smooth, then pour and spread on top of the cheesecake
- 11. Return the cake to the oven for 15 mins
- 12. Let the cheesecake cool before chilling for 2-3 hours in the fridge or preferably, overnight.
- 13. Before you are ready to serve, sprinkle the top with some freshly grated nutmeg