Salted Caramel Cookie Crunch Cheesecake

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Prep/Cook time: ~1hr 30min

Springform Pan

| Salted Caramel Sauce: | Cheesecake Filling: | Sour Cream Topping: |
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| 1 cup sugar | 4 (8oz) packages cream cheese, room | 3/4 cup sour cream |
| 1/3 cup butter, softened | temperature | 1/4 cup sugar |
| ½ cup heavy cream, warmed | 1¼ cups sugar | 2 tbsp salted caramel sauce |
| 1 tsp flaky sea salt | 4 eggs | ½ tsp vanilla extract |
| Graham Crust: | ½ cup heavy cream | |
| 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs | 1 cup salted caramel chips | |
| 1/3 cup butter, melted | 1 cup Kraft Caramel Bits | Garnish: |
| 1/4 cup brown sugar | 1 ½ cups chopped up Salted Caramel cookies | Skor or Heath bits |
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| 1/4 cup salted caramel chips | 2 tsp vanilla extract | from Bakery |
| 1/4 cup caramel melts | | Salted caramel sauce, for garnish |
| ½ cup chopped up salted caramel cookies | | |

Directions

Oven Temp: 350°F

- 1) For the salted caramel sauce, place sugar in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Continuously stir until the sugar is completely melted and a deep amber color. Remove from heat and stir in butter until combined. Add cream and sea salt (mixture will bubble up) and return to heat for 1 minute, stirring constantly until smooth. Remove from heat and pour into a glass container to cool completely. Can be refrigerated for up to 2 weeks.
- **2)** For the cheesecake crust, preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, melted butter and brown sugar. Press the mixture evenly and firmly over the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake crust for 8-10 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with ½ cup Skor or Heath toffee bits, salted caramel chips, caramel melts and chopped cookies. Set aside.
- **3)** For the cheesecake filling, using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and sugar on medium speed until smooth and creamy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs one at a time. Add cream, caramel and vanilla extract until combined. Hand stir in chopped cookies, salted caramel chips and caramel melts. Pour filling into prepared crust. Bake at 350°F for 55-60 minutes. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes before placing topping over cheesecake.
- **4)** For the sour cream topping, in a medium bowl, whisk together sour cream, sugar, caramel and vanilla extract until well combined. Spread over cheesecake and bake for 5 minutes in 350°F oven. Cool 1 hour at room temperature and refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Just before serving, sprinkle Skor or Heath toffee bits over top along with chopped cookies and drizzle salted caramel sauce to garnish.