

Makes: 16 bars

Active Time: 1 hour 10 minutes Cooling Time: 4 hours

30 minutes Total Time: 5 hours 40 minutes

## Crust:

- 1 package (8.8 oz) Biscoff cookies
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 6 tbsp unsalted butter, melted

## Filling:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup plain fat-free Greek yogurt, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp bourbon (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- Salted Caramel Sauce (Click link for recipe)
- Flaky salt, preferable Maldon, for topping

Preheat oven to 350°F and line an 8-inch square metal baking pan with parchment paper, extending over two opposite sides so that you can easily remove from pan after baking. For the crust, combine Biscoff cookies and salt in a food processor and pulse together to form crumbs. Add melted butter and pulse until incorporated. Press mixture tightly and evenly into bottom of prepared pan. Bake crust for about 15 minutes, until deeply golden and set. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely, and reduce oven temperature to 325°F.

For the filling, place cream cheese and yogurt in a food processor and process until combined. Add sugar, salt, bourbon (if using), vanilla, and egg; process until smooth. Spoon cream cheese mixture over cooled crust and spread evenly. Gently tap pan to remove air bubbles. Bake for 40 to 44 minutes, until center is set. Remove from oven and cool for 45 minutes on a wire rack. While the cheesecake bakes, make the salted caramel sauce. See the linked recipe for



directions. Pour room temperature caramel sauce over cooled cheesecake bars, tilting the pan slightly to coat evenly (or gently spreading with an offset spatula). Chill bars in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours. Before cutting, chill in the freezer for 30 minutes. Carefully lift parchment and place bars on a cutting board; use a sharp knife lightly coated with nonstick spray to cut into bars. Sprinkle with flaky salt and serve. Store leftover bars in an airtight container in the refrigerator up to 2 days.

## Chef's Notes:

Salted caramel sauce can be made ahead and refrigerated. Before using, warm sauce briefly in the microwave and stir until smooth, then let cool to room temperature before pouring over cooled cheesecake bars. Store extra caramel sauce covered in the refrigerator for up to a week.

Instead of pouring the caramel sauce over the bites and then refrigerating, you can wait until serving, cut them into bars and then drizzle with the caramel sauce. It is easier to cut them without the sauce on them.

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