Apple-Almond Cheesecake



From the Sensenig's Recipe Book

Ingredients

Crust

1 cup graham cracker crumbs

1 cup sliced almonds, toasted

6 TBS (3/4 stick) Unsalted butter, melted

2 TBS golden brown sugar

1/4 tsp salt

Filing

1 1/2 7-oz package almond paste, crumbled

3 8-oz packages cream cheese, room temp

6 TBS sugar

4 large eggs

Apples

4 large Jonagold or granny smith apples

2 TBS fresh lemon juice

4 TBS unsalted butter

3/4 cup golden brown sugar

3/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Preparation

Crust

Preheat oven to 350, Butter 10-inch springform pan. Wrap bottom with 2 layers heavy-duty foil. Mix all ingredients in bowl to blend, slightly crumbling almonds. Press mixture onto bottom and 1 inch up sides of pan. Bake until set, about 7 minutes.

Filing

Combine almond paste, cream cheese, and sugar in processor: blend until smooth (this takes awhile). Mix in eggs until just blended. Pour filing into crust. Bake 15 minutes @ 350, reduce heat to 325 and bake till top appears dry, about 45 minutes longer. Cool, wrap in plastic and refrigerate overnight.

Apples

Toss apple slices with lemon juice. Melt 3 TBS butter in heavy skillet. Add apples and saute until golden about 9 minutes. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Stir to coat. Add remaining 1 TBS butter. Stir until coated and glazed. Cool slightly and put on top of cheesecake.

Notes:

Source:

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