

Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Bars

Prep: 10 minutes | Cook: 35 minutes | Chill: 3 hours 20 minutes | Total: 4 hours 5 minutes

Yield: 8 servings | Serving Size: 1 bar

Ingredients

⅓ cup graham cracker crumbs (from about 3 full crackers)

1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese (Neufchatel), softened to room temperature

⅓ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt

1 egg white

2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

½ tablespoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

¼ cup mini chocolate chips

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line the bottom and sides of a 7x4-inch rectangle baking pan with parchment paper, leaving an overhang of the paper on all sides. Set aside.
- 2. Add the graham cracker crumbs and melted butter to a small mixing bowl. Stir to combine.
- 3. Press the crumb mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan and bake for 8 minutes. Set aside, leaving the oven on.
- 4. In a medium mixing bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the cream cheese, yogurt, egg white, sugar, flour, lemon juice, and vanilla until smooth, about 3-4 minutes.
- 5. Fold in the chocolate chips.
- 6. Pour the mixture into the pan with the crust and bake for 25 minutes, covering the pan with foil after 20 minutes.
- 7. Allow to cool at room temperature for 20 minutes, then set in the refrigerator to chill completely, at least 3 hours.
- 8. Lift out of the pan by the paper and slice into bars. Serve.

Recipe Notes

- Store the cheesecake bars in a covered container in the refrigerator, up to 7 days.
- These cheesecake bars can be frozen up to 3 months. Thaw them overnight in the refrigerator before serving.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 160 | Total Fat: 5 g | Saturated Fat: 2.5 g Sodium: 170 mg | Total Carbohydrate: 18 g | Dietary Fiber: 1 g | Protein: 11 g

