Key Lime Tranche

A classic American dessert, this is similar to a cheesecake but made with condensed milk. Such an easy, quick pudding that is sweet and sharp from the limes. This version is made in a rectangular tranche tin, which gives a different presentation, but the recipe would also fit in a 23cm (9in) round, deep, loose-bottomed flan tin.

Serves 6

115g (4oz) full-fat cream cheese

1 × 397g tin full-fat condensed milk

Finely grated zest and juice of 4 limes

200ml (1/3 pint) pouring double cream

Biscuit Base

115g (4oz) digestive biscuits 55g (2oz) butter 1 tsp demerara sugar

Mary's Tips

Can be made a day ahead.

Not suitable for freezing.

- 1. First make the base. Crush the biscuits to fine crumbs, then melt the butter and add to the biscuits. Add the sugar and mix well.
- 2. Spoon the biscuit into the base of a $36 \times 12.5 \times 2.5$ cm ($14 \times 5 \times 1$ in) rectangular, loose-bottomed fluted tin and press down firmly using the back of a spoon. Place in the fridge to chill.
- 3. To make the filling, measure the cream cheese into a bowl and mix until smooth using an electric mixer. Add the condensed milk and the zest of 2 limes and whisk lightly. Add the juice of all 4 limes and continue to whisk until the mixture has thickened.
- **4.** Pour the filling into the tin and level the surface. Chill in the fridge for 2 hours until firm.
- **5.** Lightly whip the cream to soft peaks. Spread over the lime mixture and lightly swirl the top.
- **6.** Sprinkle with the remaining lime zest to serve.



