More than 1 hour

Serves 8-10

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Ingredients:

## Crust:

- 200g nuts of choice (we used raw almonds and peeled pistachios)
- 1 packet (200g) PnP T-biscuits
- 3/4 cup (180g) butter, melted

## Filling:

- 3 tubs (250g each) full-fat cream cheese
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup (180ml) sour cream
- 1 cup (200g) castor sugar
- ½ cup (125ml) honey
- 3 large eggs + 1 egg yolk
- 2 tsp (10ml) vanilla essence or 1 tsp (5ml) vanilla paste

## Topping:

- 1 cup (200g) castor sugar
- ½ cup (125ml) water
- 2 punnets (200g each) strawberries, halved
- ½ tsp (7ml) cornflour
- Mint and edible flowers (optional)

## Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 160°C.
- 2. Blitz nuts in a food processor until very fine (or chop by hand).
- 3. Add biscuits, blitz until fine, then stir in melted butter.
- 4. Press crust mix into a lined 23cm loose-bottomed cake tin.

- 5. Blend filling ingredients in a food processor or with a stick blender until smooth.
- 6. Pour over the crust base in cake tin.
- 7. Bake for 80-90 minutes, until the outer edges of the cake are set but the centre is still slightly wobbly (like firm jelly).
- 8. Turn oven off, open door slightly and cool the cake in the oven for an hour.
- 9. Remove and cool completely at room temperature, then chill for at least 3 hours (or overnight).
- 10. Simmer sugar, water and half the strawberries in a saucepan on low heat for 5 minutestake care not to let the berries disintegrate.
- 11. Mix cornflour with a little water to make a paste and add to strawberry mixture.
- 12. Simmer for 3 minutes to thicken.
- 13. Remove, cool completely and strain.
- 14. Add remaining fresh strawberries.
- 15. Spoon topping over cheesecake, scatter with mint and flowers if you like, and serve.

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