HOW TO BAKE IN A SPRINGFORM PAN

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees if using a 9-inch springform pan (or to 300 degrees if using a dark nonstick 9-inch springform pan). Prepare the batter as directed. Pour into the pan. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until the center is almost set. Run a knife or metal spatula around the rim of the pan to loosen the cake. Cool before removing the rim.

HOW TO NEATLY CUT CHEESECAKE SLICES

When cutting a cheesecake, carefully wipe off the knife blade between cuts using a clean, damp towel. This prevents the creamy filling from building up on the blade, ensuring nice clean cuts that leave the filling intact.

HOW TO TEST CHEESECAKE DONENESS

To avoid overbaking a cheesecake, check for doneness at the minimum baking time by gently shaking the pan. If the cheesecake is done, the edge should be slightly puffed and it will be set except for a small area in the center that will be soft and jiggly. Do not insert a knife into the center as this may cause the cheesecake to crack during cooling.