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sweet treacle tart. We're simplifying the usual pastry base with a version that doesn't need

rolling out or blind baking!



TREACLE TART WITH HOMEMADE CUSTARD

INGREDIENTS

Pastry:

- 280g plain flour
- · Pinch of salt
- 120g icing sugar
- 240g unsalted butter, softened, chopped into chunks
- 2 egg yolks

Filling:

- 175g breadcrumbs, from a day-old white loaf
- 700g golden syrup
- · Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 medium eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 tbsp double cream

Custard:

- 200ml double cream
- 200ml whole milk
- 4 egg yolks
- 2 tsp cornflour
- 3 tbsp caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To make the pastry, mix flour, salt and icing sugar. Add softened butter and egg yolks. Mix well until it comes together. Roll into a log and wrap in clingfilm. Refrigerate for 1 hr.
- 2. Preheat oven to 170c (160c CircoTherm).

 Slice pastry into ½cm slices and arrange over the bottom and sides of a 25cm removable base tin. Squash the pastry together so there are no gaps. Trim edges and place in the fridge for 10 minutes.
- 3. Put breadcrumbs in a large mixing bowl. Heat golden syrup in a pan until warm (not hot). Pour over the breadcrumbs. Add lemon zest, juice, eggs and cream, then stir until just combined.
- 4. Pour the breadcrumb filling into pastry case distributing breadcrumbs evenly.

 Bake for 45-50 minutes until golden brown.
- 5. To make the custard, heat cream and milk in a pan until bubbles start to rise at the edge (don't boil it). In a jug, mix egg yolks, cornflour, sugar and vanilla extract. When the cream is hot, pour into egg mixture in a thin stream whilst whisking. Don't pour in the milk all at once or it will scramble the eggs.

 Once mixed, pour back into pan and continue to stir custard with a whisk over a medium heat until it thickens. Sieve any lumps.
- 6. Remove tart from oven, cool for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin. Warm the custard and serve. Enjoy.

