

Donald's Lemon Squares

Adapted from <https://www.marthastewart.com/354020/lemon-squares>

Ingredients:

Base:

- 7 fl.oz flour (FULL: 1-3/4 cups)
- 3 fl.oz margarine, at room temperature (FULL: 3/4 cup)
- 3 fl.oz icing sugar (FULL: 3/4 cup), plus more for dusting the top at the end
- 3/8 teaspoon salt (FULL: 3/4 teaspoon)

Topping:

- 2 large eggs, beaten (FULL: 4 large eggs)
- 2 fl.oz milk (FULL: 1/4 cup)
- 1.5 tablespoons flour (FULL: 3 tablespoons)
- 5.4 fl.oz granulated sugar (FULL: 1-1/3 cups)
- 1/8 teaspoon salt (FULL: 1/4 teaspoon)
- 3 fl.oz lemon juice (FULL: 3/4 cup)

Equipment:

- Conventional oven preheated to 350F (and then later reduced to 325F)
- 8" x 8" baking pan (FULL: 9" x 13" baking pan)
- Parchment paper to line the baking pan
- 2 measuring cups (one for each of dry and wet ingredients)
- measuring spoons (1 tablespoon, 1/2 teaspoon, 1/4 teaspoon)
- 2 mixing bowls
- Fork
- Spatula / egg flipper
- Oven mitt
- Cooling rack
- Cutting board
- Knife
- One or more container large enough to store the lemon squares in a single layer

Making the crust:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350F
- 2) Line the baking pan with parchment paper
 - Use a single piece of parchment paper which will sufficiently extend up and beyond the edges of the baking pan
- 3) Place 3 fl.oz margarine, 7 fl.oz flour, 3 fl.oz icing sugar, and 3/8 teaspoon salt in a mixing bowl
- 4) Break up the margarine into pea sized pieces with the fork, which will mix the ingredients
 - Mixture will be crumbly
- 5) Transfer mixture to the baking pan
- 6) Spread the mixture evenly across the baking pan and press down with hands, or a spatula / egg flipper
- 7) Bake in oven for 16 minutes, until edges are golden brown
 - Rotate baking pan part way through

Making the topping:

While the crust is baking in oven:

- 8) Crack eggs into a mixing bowl
- 9) Beat eggs lightly (optional)
- 10) Add milk, flour, sugar, and salt to mixing bowl
- 11) Thoroughly mix the milk, flour, sugar, and salt, ensuring that the sugar is fully dissolved

- 12) Add lemon juice
- 13) Thoroughly mix the lemon juice into the the milk, flour, sugar, and salt mixture.

Finishing baking:

- 14) Remove the crust from the oven after 16 minutes of baking
- 15) Reduce oven temperature to 325F
- 16) Pour the topping mix onto the still hot crust
- 17) Place baking pan back in oven
- 18) Bake for 20 minutes, or until topping gels and edges begin to turn golden brown
 - Rotate baking pan part way through

After the baking:

- 19) Using oven mitts, remove pan from oven
- 20) Place baking pan on cooling rack
- 21) Allow to cool completely
- 22) Sprinkle icing sugar on top of the dessert
- 23) Grip parchment paper edges, and remove pan contents; place on cutting board
- 24) Cut into squares when completely cool
- 25) Serve; place excess lemon squares in one or more containers, single layer; refrigerate