

Carol's Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Ingredients

Crust

2 cups crushed pretzels
¾ cup butter, melted
3 Tablespoons sugar

Filling

1 8-ounce package of cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
1 container (8 ounce) of Cool Whip topping, thawed

Topping

1 6-ounce box of strawberry flavored Jell-O
2 packages of frozen strawberries (16 ounces each), mostly thawed. (I can't usually find sliced frozen strawberries so I get whole ones and slice them.)
2 cups boiling water

1. In a large bowl, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in the strawberries, refrigerate until partially set, about 1 hour and 45 minutes. Don't let it set solid because it won't spread nicely into the filling.
2. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium bowl, mix all the crust ingredients. Press into a 13" x 9" baking dish. Bake for 10 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack. (I have a deeper 9 inch round dish that is 4 inches high that I like to use. It makes for a taller dessert. But if feeding a lot of people, you will want to use the 13" x 9".
3. In a medium bowl, beat all the filling ingredients with a electric mixer until smooth. Spread over the cooled crust. Cover and refrigerate until cool and Jell-O topping is partially set.
4. When Jell-O is partially set, carefully spoon the topping into the bowl.