

Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream Bars

Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream Bars are a delicious no-bake dessert for a hot summer day. They taste just like the classic Good Humor Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream popsicles! An easy dessert recipe with layers of vanilla & strawberry ice cream, a crumbled Golden Oreo topping and nobake cookie crust. (Courtesy of: lifemadesweeter.com)

Prep time: 20 min. Chill time: 5 hrs. Servings: 12

Ingredients:

<u>Cookie Crust</u>:

- 20 Golden Oreo cookies crushed with the cream filling (about 2 cups) (you can use any vanilla cream sandwich cookies they even have Gluten Free ones or use Nui Snickerdoodles for a low carb/keto version)
- 3 Tablespoons melted butter
- 4-1/2 5 cups your favorite vanilla ice cream homemade or store-bought (use Halo Top Vanilla Bean, Keto Pint or WinkVanilla for a low carb version)
- 2-1/2 cups strawberry sorbet homemade or store-bought*** (use Halo Top Strawberry or Wink Strawberry Ice Cream for a low carb/keto version)

Crumbled Topping:

8-10 Golden Oreo cookies crushed (use Nui Snickerdoodles for a low carb version)

- 1 Tablespoon butter softened
- 4 Tablespoons freeze-dried strawberries pulsed into powder* OR strawberry sugar-free gelatin (jello) powder

Instructions:

- 1. Line an 8 x 8 square baking dish with parchment or wax paper leaving an overhang for easier removal of the bars. Set aside.
- 2. **Make the cookie crust** In a food processor, add the entire cookies (no need to remove the cream filling) and pulse into fine crumbs. Add the melted butter and stir until combined. Press mixture into the bottom of the lined baking dish. Place in freezer for about 20 minutes to set.
- 3. **Make the crumbled topping** In a small bowl, zip-top bag, or food processor, add Oreo cookies and crush into large crumbs. Mix with softened butter and press together into pea-sized pieces. Combine with freeze-dried strawberry powder(or strawberry jello powders). Set aside.
- 4. **Assemble** Remove vanilla ice cream and strawberry sorbet from freezer to soften (takes about 15-20 minutes). When ready, scoop around 2 cups of vanilla ice cream over the cookie crust and spread evenly using an offset spatula.
- 5. Place pan in freezer to harden slightly (about 10-20 minutes).
- 6. Next, spread the sorbet over the vanilla ice cream layer evenly. Again, place pan in freezer for 10 minutes if needed. Addthe final layer of vanilla ice cream spreading evenly.
- 7. Sprinkle the strawberry cookie crumbs evenly over the bars. Place in the freezer for 3-4 hours or overnight.
- 8. Lift out of pan using the parchment paper overhang. Allow to sit out for about 5-10 minutes so the crust softens up slightly. Using a very sharp knife, cut into square rectangles. Store bars in freezer until ready to serve.

Recipe Notes:

To make the strawberry powder, pulverize the freeze-dried strawberries using a food processor, mortar and pestle, or plastic bagand rolling pin. We want the powder to be fine. Around 1 ounce of freeze-dried strawberries will yield 3 tablespoons of powder. *If you can't find strawberry sorbet, you can use strawberry ice cream and blend with 1 - 1 1/2 cups of frozen strawberries.

***To ensure even layers of the ice cream, place the pan back in the freezer for about 10 minutes after adding each layer.