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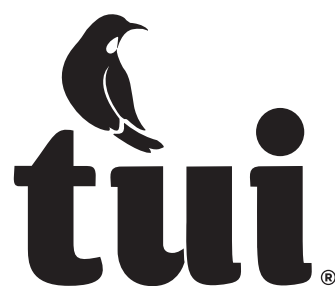
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KIA ORA SPRING!

As the days become longer and warmer the garden comes alive! There's plenty to enjoy in the garden and this issue it packed with inspiration and ideas to help you grow with success.



When you're finished reading me, put me in with your kitchen and garden waste, the worms will love me!

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Celebrating what's in our nature as Kiwi gardeners.

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Discover how Caitlin turned her patio into a lush urban oasis.

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Grow food for the whole family with our spring garden planner.

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Try Liz's favourite tomato varieties to grow from seed.

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Pet friendly, air cleaning or hard-to-kill – pick your perfect indoor plant.

Share what's in your nature and win!

Inspire and help one another to garden success! Share your spring garden snaps on our Facebook – facebook.com/TuiGarden or Instagram – [@tuigardenandhome](https://instagram.com/tuigardenandhome) with #myprideofplace to be in to win our Tui Performance Naturals vege range and a self-watering Tui Mobile Vegetable Patch.



IT'S IN OUR NATURE

As Kiwis we love getting stuck in, getting our hands dirty and enjoying time outdoors – it's in our nature! The Kiwi can do, care, and ingenuity that's in all of us. This season we're celebrating what's in our nature: as Tui, as Kiwis, as gardeners.

MUCKING IN – getting involved in our community and helping others to success.

Debra Ann from the Tui Team at Oropi School.



GIVING A HELPING HAND – we're enthusiastic to help Kiwis grow and learn in the garden and have the knowledge to do so.



Steven – Tui Territory Manager.



WE'RE KIWI GARDENERS – we're creating and growing in the garden too! Passionate about what we do and helping others grow.

CREATING GREAT – we have the ideas and inspiration to help you create great and achieve your garden goals.



@holielovesplants

It's in our nature,
the green creator.

It's the seeding, the
feeding, the moves
that you make.

Nourishing and
flourishing, giving
back what we take.

So, come over to ours
and we'll show you
how to grow plants
naturally, at yours.

Tui.

RESPECT FOR NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT – we're on a journey to being more sustainable in the way we work and the products we produce. Discover our journey so far on page 4.



PRIDE IN OUR PLACE – encouraging Kiwis to take pride in their garden and outdoor spaces, creating a community of gardeners that share and grow together!



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Share what's in your nature with [#myprideofplace](#) this spring to be in to win!

OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

We have made some great progress on our sustainability journey and we are committed to keep improving. Discover our three sustainability pillars:



FRIENDLIER FOOTPRINT

We are committed to reducing and offsetting our carbon footprint.

We have been accredited carbon neutral since 2020 for both scope 1 (direct emissions from sites and vehicles) and scope 2 (indirect emissions from energy production and our use of it).



KINDER TO NATURE

Making products that are gentle on the environment.

Part of this includes aiming for our packaging to be recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025.

From 1 September our growing media and compost packaging will be carbon neutral. This includes all of our bags that are made from 50% recycled plastic and covers 83% of our Tui growing media/compost packaging.

We have achieved this by reducing the carbon footprint of the packaging through moving manufacture to NZ, and using recycled plastic. The remaining footprint has been offset through a conservation project in Southland and an international project. This packaging can be recycled through the soft plastics recycling scheme.

We are also working towards 100% recycled plastic in our plastic packaging. Our Tui Enrich controlled release fertiliser tubs are currently transitioning over to this, and our Tui Performance Naturals and Tui Enrich Pour & Feed bottles will change over in the next 12 months.

Find out about our other initiatives at tuigarden.co.nz.



NURTURING OUR COMMUNITY

We are committed to growing the next generation of Kiwi gardeners.

We are a national partner of **Garden to Table**, an amazing charity who deliver a curriculum based programme that works with thousands of primary school children nationwide, helping them discover the goodness of fresh seasonal food, along with the skills they need to grow and prepare it.

Have a look at the following diagram to see how we support young Kiwi gardeners...



Our refill station trial is underway at Mitre 10 Papamoa for our Tui Organic Seaweed and Tui Seaweed & Fish products, encouraging reuse of these bottles.



MY PRIDE OF PLACE: CAITLIN'S SMALL SPACE GARDEN

My garden was started because I wanted to bring greenery and life into an otherwise empty wooden patio. I started with four basic plastic storage boxes placed on top of benches that my super handy partner built for me. Since then, I have added more individual pots to the garden and it's looking more like the cottage style garden I have always wanted.

My small garden layout is dictated by the fact that I have no access to bare land and there are some seasonal challenges. In summer the wooden decking retains heat and gets very hot. In winter the sunniest spot can get as little as three hours of sun per day. A container garden lets me position my plants to minimise the impact of seasonal changes.

My garden is mainly made up of productive edible plants, but I also grow flowers for the local insect life. The confines of my small patio means that there is limited space and every plant is selected to be high yield or suitable for container life. There are many dwarf or compact varieties of plants, it just takes a bit of planning and out of the box thinking to adapt these plants to a container garden. This spring I'm trying some small watermelons (Sugar Baby and Golden Nugget), dwarf sugar snap peas and will be experimenting with growing Caigua (a small gherkin-type fruit). I'm also really excited to plant more flowers like nigella, calendula and chamomile!

My garden is my little creative outlet space and I love to push the boundaries of what and how plants can be grown in a tiny garden.

TOP 5 SMALL SPACE CROPS

1. **Dwarf tomatoes:** most tomato varieties can grow very tall and are space intensive. Smaller dwarf tomatoes can be grown closer together, mature faster and are very heavy croppers. I'm growing three different varieties of dwarf tomatoes this year.
2. **Strawberries:** they are the poster child for summer container gardens! They're super sweet and delicious, and their compact characteristics means you can grow them in small troughs, pots and even vertically.
3. **Mint:** this is a favourite in my household because it grows almost year-round and it's so versatile. Mint can be made into tea, added to Asian salads or refreshing summer cocktails.
4. **Dwarf beans:** these are the compact version of their very tall climbing counterparts and have a bushy growth habit, so no trellis needed. They're also very good producers!
5. **Radish:** the fastest growing crop for the impatient gardener! It's a great space and time filler crop to plant while you wait for slower growing crops to germinate – like garlic.

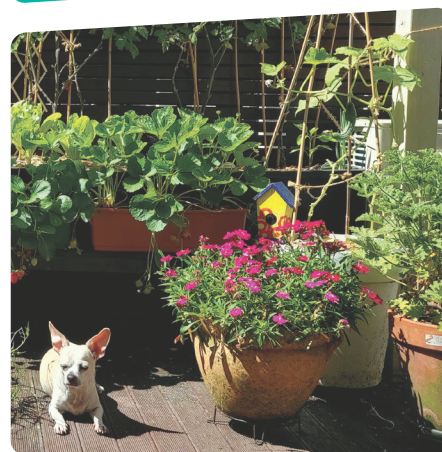


BY CAITLIN (A city girl
dreaming of the country)

Garden size: 3.5m x 1.8m (6.3m²)

Location: Auckland

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PATCH-UP

Restore your lawn to its previous glory by repairing bare patches with the conveniently sized **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Patch Pack**. Our Easycare blend germinates in as little as seven days in ideal weather conditions.



LIVEN & GREEN

Refresh your lawn to a lush, deep green colour by applying **Tui LawnForce® Max Green** liquid lawn fertiliser. Engineered with additional iron to green up your lawn in as little as three days, and essential nutrients for up to 12 weeks feeding.



REVITALISE & THICKEN

Top-up your tired lawn with essential nutrients for a thick, healthy lawn with less weeds. Apply **Tui LawnForce® New Lawns** slow release fertiliser before laying lawn seed, or directly after seeding to encourage lush, thick, green growth. Once established, fertilise your lawn in spring and autumn with **Tui LawnForce® All Purpose** slow release fertiliser.

SOWING THE SEED

Before sowing remove any unwanted weeds and grass. Add a 25–30mm layer of **Tui LawnForce® Lawn Preparation Mix** to the area to provide lawn seed with a base of essential nutrients and fertiliser. Choose a **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Lawn Seed** suited to your climate and lawn use. Sow seed on a fine day, rake gently to cover seed and water lightly. Spread seed with ease using our **Tui LawnForce Broadcast Spreader**.



Everything you need to create a beautiful, lush lawn.

GET YOUR LAWN



SUMMER-READY

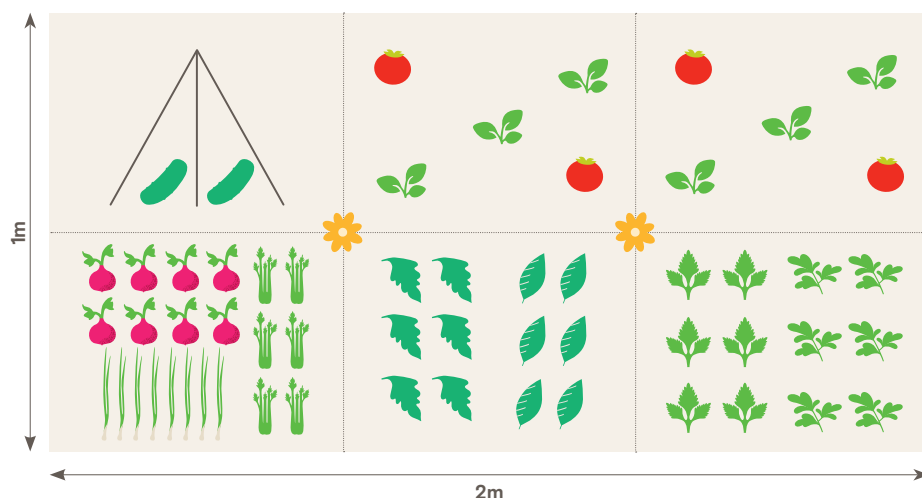


WANDER BAREFOOT

Ensure you can enjoy the feeling of grass between your toes this summer with a prickle free lawn. **Tui LawnForce® Prickle Weedkill & Feed's** dual action formulation includes a selective weed killer to eliminate prickle and other common weeds from invading your lawn.

SPRING GARDEN PLANNER

We've put together some planting suggestions based on 1m x 2m garden beds, to help you pack in plenty of varieties of fruit and veges for the whole whanau to enjoy!

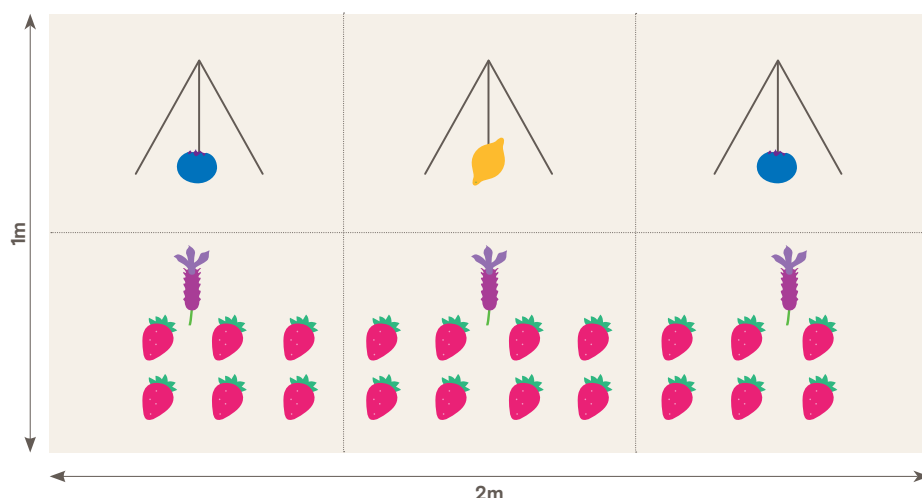


SALAD AND HERB BOX

Key:

- ^ Cucumber x 2 (grown on tepee)
- Basil x 6
- Dwarf tomatoes x 4
- Radish x 8
- Spring onion x 8
- Celery x 6
- Mesclun x 6
- Spinach x 6
- Coriander x 6
- Parsley x 6

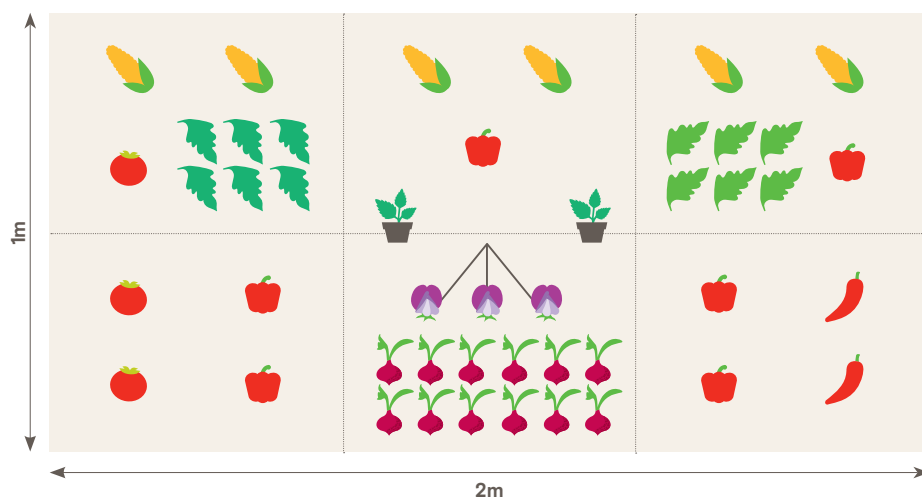
Plant 6-12 marigolds as companions amongst the plants.



FRUIT GARDEN

Key:

- ^ Blueberries x 2 (grown on tepee)
- ^ Dwarf citrus x 1 (grown on tepee)
- Lavender x 3
- Strawberries x 20



SUMMER ESSENTIALS

Key:

- Sweetcorn x 6
- Tomatoes x 3
- Lettuce - Little Gems x 6
- Rocket x 6
- Capsicum x 6
- ^ Sweetpea x 3 (grown on tepee)
- Beetroot x 12
- Chilli x 2
- Mint in pot x 2 (the pot will help contain the mint as it spreads easily)

Create a summer drinks garden! Plant up a half wine barrel or large pot with a lime or lemon tree and add herbs like mint, basil and pineapple sage around it. Great for smaller spaces, courtyards or on the deck for easy access.

PLANT FEEDING 101

WHY FEED?

Just like us, plants need the essentials to survive and thrive including food and water! Regularly adding nutrients to the soil as plants grow will ensure they produce healthily.





WHEN?

Spring is a perfect time to feed your plants when they come to life after winter and are actively growing. The type of fertiliser you choose will determine how often to feed.

HOW?

We understand there are many plant feeding options. To simplify the process we've made the below table to help you select the best fertiliser for your spring plants.

CHOOSING YOUR FERTILISER

Plant	Cost effective	Feed & forget (feeds for up to 6 months)	100% Natural	Quick results using your watering can
Vegetables 	Tui Vegetable Food Tui Potato Food	Tui Enrich Vege, Tomato & Herb controlled release fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals Tomato & Vegetable Fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals Tomato & Vegetable Liquid Fertiliser
Fruit 	Tui Citrus Food Tui Strawberry Food	Tui Enrich Fruit, Citrus, Tree & Shrub controlled release fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals Citrus & Fruit Fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals Citrus & Fruit Liquid Fertiliser
Roses 	Tui Rose Food	Tui Enrich Rose, Camellia, Azalea & Gardenia controlled release fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals All Purpose Fertiliser	Tui Seaweed & Fish Fertiliser
Whole garden 	Tui General Fertiliser	Tui Enrich All Purpose controlled release fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals All Purpose Fertiliser	Tui Performance Naturals All Purpose Liquid Fertiliser Tui Seaweed & Fish Fertiliser

TUI PRODUCT PICK



Our popular Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic is gold for your garden!

- It provides a natural source of seaweed to promote healthy plant & root growth.
- As a plant tonic it doesn't have an NPK, so you can't over-feed your plants. **Apply between feedings**, every 2-4 weeks.



Discover our new interactive fertiliser selection tool at tuigarden.co.nz and click the buy now button for easy purchase!



GROW TOMATOES WITH LIZ

Homegrown tomatoes are hard to beat! Discover top tomato varieties to grow from seed this season with the help of Liz @tiny_farmstead, the tomato queen!

LIZ'S FAVOURITES

Birdie's Canary – don't think you have the space to grow tomatoes? Think again! Birdie's Canary is so compact, it only gets to about 30cm high, but the productivity on this plant is insane for its size.

Black Cherry – these produce long into the season, even when the others have given up. They stand up fairly well against disease and have fantastic flavour. The darker colour also tends to fool the birds, and they generally leave them alone to focus on the yellow and red varieties.

Black from Tula – it's hard to pick a few favourites, but this variety really ranks up there for me. While it's not the most productive variety, this is a tomato that goes for quality over quantity. Large, meaty and full of flavour!

Purple Calabash – if you're looking for controversy, then Purple Calabash is for you. This is a tomato that seems to be either loved or hated. It's an intensely flavoured tomato, and is anything but bland. "Wine like flavours with citrus finish" would be correct. It really shines in sauces where it adds an amazing depth of flavour, but I also enjoy it on sourdough with sea salt.

Aunt Ruby's German Green – these produce some of the biggest tomatoes I have ever grown, and while the plants aren't the most productive, the fruit is sweet and not at all acidic.

Every year I look forward to trying new varieties and this year I'm looking forward to **Hawkes Bay Yellow**, **Burbank**, **Black Roma** and **Green Pineapple**!



Learn how easy it is to grow tomatoes from seed.

1. You will need seed trays, seeds, labels and a good quality seed raising mix like **Tui Seed Raising Mix**.
2. If your mix is dry, fill tray to the top (when it's watered it will sink down).
3. If your mix is damp, leave 2-3 cm at the top.
4. Water well and allow to drain.
5. Don't compress the soil, so that the seed root can establish.
6. Sow seeds as directed on the packet and lightly cover with mix.
7. Mist lightly to dampen the soil and place in a warm spot.
8. Re-mist as needed so they don't dry out!

Check out Liz's tomato sowing video on our Instagram [@tuigardenandhome](#) under IGTV, and follow Liz [@tiny_farmstead](#) for plenty more tomato inspiration!





PICK YOUR PERFECT INDOOR PLANT

Whether you're looking for pet friendly options, plants that will help clean the air in your home, or easy-care options that don't mind a bit of neglect, there's plenty of indoor plant options to suit you.



PET FRIENDLY OPTIONS

- **Peperomia Jade**
Pretty and perfect for beginners! The succulent-like plant has shiny green foliage and will tolerate a range of growing conditions. It's also safe to have around your furry friends.
- **Spider Plant**
A pet friendly plant that's perfect if you're just starting out. Spider plants will be happy in almost any spot and your pets will stay happy around them too!



AIR CLEANERS

- **Rubber Plant**
The rubber plant produces more oxygen than any other plant and also helps remove mould and bacteria from the air.
- **English Ivy**
This climbing vine that's often seen in outdoor areas is fast growing and helps filter airborne toxins and mould from your home. It's a great option for purifying the air in your bathroom.
- **Peace Lily**
One of the most easy-care plants, peace lilies make an excellent choice for both the home or office. Along with their dark green foliage and beautiful white flowers, they are great for cleansing the air of the room they're in.
- **Boston Fern**
A bushy fern with lush, green foliage. Boston ferns are efficient at removing a variety of airborne particles. This classic fern is the perfect plant partner for your living areas or the bathroom.



HARD TO KILL

- **ZZ Plant**
An almost un-killable indoor plant has to be the ZZ Plant (Zamioculcas). Tolerating most light conditions, it only needs to be watered once or twice a month!
- **Snake Plant (Sansevieria)**
One of the most tolerant, easy-care indoor plants to grow. In fact they almost thrive on neglect! Place in a bright spot and water about once a month.
- **Succulents** are at the top of the list when it comes to low maintenance and being easy to grow. They're available in a selection of colours including greens, purples, and blues. A little pot of succulents on your desk at work is also a refreshing touch!

TUI PRODUCT PICK



Sometimes insect pests also try and enjoy your indoor plants! Crafted from Natural Pyrethrum, **Tui Indoor Plant Insect Spray** kills common indoor plant insects such as aphids, whitefly and thrips. Our bottle is also made from 100% recycled milk bottles.

Share your indoor plant journey on Instagram with **#tuiplantparent** to be in to win an indoor plant pack!



HELPING KIWI KIDS GROW

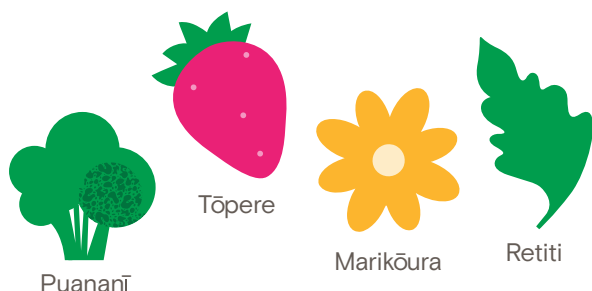
Help your little ones welcome their first garden! Growing their own is an awesome skill kids will have for life, so we've created this super easy-to-use Tui Kids Mini Garden to get them started. Follow the step-by-step instructions on the bag for a patch bursting with colourful goodness in no time.



GARDEN TO TABLE
GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

50c from every bag sold will be donated to the Garden to Table Trust. Find out how you can support Garden to Table and sign up for their newsletter at www.gardentotable.org.nz

LEARN THE MĀORI NAMES OF THE CROPS YOU GROW IN YOUR MINI GARDEN!



MINI STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKES

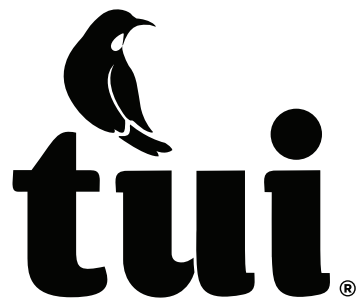
Put your juicy strawberry harvests to good use with this special recipe from Garden to Table.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 cup coconut threads or dessicated coconut
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 125g cream cheese
- 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup plain yoghurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5–6 strawberries
- 1 teaspoon icing sugar

Method:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180° C & line 6 holes of a muffin tray with cupcake cases.
- 2 Spread oats and coconut out in an ovenproof dish. Toast in the oven for 10 minutes. **Caution – hot!** **Ask an adult to help you with this.**
- 3 Melt the butter in a small saucepan with 2 tablespoons of honey and mix. Add the oats and coconut and mix well until coated. **Caution – hot!** **Ask an adult to help you with this.**
- 4 Put a spoonful of mixture into the base of each cupcake case and use the back of a spoon to press down firmly.
- 5 Zest the lemon. Put the cream cheese, yoghurt, vanilla, the other tablespoon of honey and lemon zest in a large bowl and whisk until smooth.
- 6 Spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases on top of the oat mixture.
- 7 Bake in the oven for 15 minutes. They should still wobble a little. **Caution – hot!** **Ask an adult to help you with this.**
- 8 Chop the strawberries. Squeeze half the lemon.
- 9 Mix the strawberries with 1–2 teaspoons of lemon juice and the icing sugar in a small bowl until coated.
- 10 When the cheesecakes have cooled slightly, divide the strawberries over the top of each cheesecake.



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GREAT RESULTS
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