Fall Taffy Apple Dessert Pizza

The following recipe is courtesy of Bread Over Heels, a food scientist and blogger. For more of her recipes and baking tips, visit her website or her Instagram @breadoverheels.

Ingredients

- 5-6 medium McIntosh or Granny Smith apples, peeled and chopped
- ½ cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar
- 7 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- ¼ teaspoon flaky sea salt
- 4 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1-16 oz. bag refrigerated pizza dough, or 16 oz. homemade pizza dough
- ½ cup chopped peanuts
- All-purpose flour, for dusting
- Ice cream, to serve

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 °F. Remove pizza dough from refrigerator and let it sit at room temperature.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine apples and 3 tablespoons sugar. Melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add apples and cook for 5-6 minutes or until liquid has absorbed and apples are slightly softened. Transfer apples to a rimmed baking pan and let cool to room temperature for 15 minutes.
- 3. Prepare caramel sauce. Melt remaining ½ cup sugar in a small pot over medium heat until just liquefied. Remove from heat and stir in 4 tablespoons butter and sea salt. Add heavy cream and stir to combine. The mixture should be thickened and caramel-colored. Reserve until ready to use.
- 4. Prepare pizza dough. Flour a working surface and roll pizza dough to 16-inch circle. Carefully transfer to a 14-inch pizza pan. Press dough into edges and trim off any extra dough if needed. Transfer cooked apples to pizza dough and evenly distribute across the surface area.
- 5. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and delicately drizzle and spread caramel sauce over apples. Return to oven and bake for another 5 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle ¼ cup chopped peanuts on top of apples. Return to oven and bake for another 5 minutes or until crust is lightly golden brown. Serve warm with ice cream.

