



Pumpkin Pie with Streusel

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Ingredients

Pie Crust

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1/4 cups all purpose flour, plus more for rolling the dough
1 stick (1/2 cup) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 to 4 tablespoons ice water (Add an ice cube to keep the water cold but don't add cube to mix)

Pumpkin Puree

Ingredients:

1 sugar pumpkin (3 1/2-4 lbs)

Filling

Ingredients:

3/4 cup packed light brown sugar (1 cup for 12-inch pie)
2 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
3/4 cup homemade puree or canned pumpkin (1 cup for 12-inch pie)
3/4 cup heavy whipping cream (1 cup for 12-inch pie)

Streusel

Ingredients:

1/4 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
pinch of kosher salt

Instructions

Pie Crust

In a food processor, pulse the flour, butter, sugar, and salt until the mixture resembles coarse meal with a few pea-size clumps of butter remaining. Add 2 tablespoons of the water. Pulse until the mixture holds together when squeezed but is still crumbly (add more water, a little at a time, as necessary). Avoid overprocessing, which will make the dough tough.

Place the still crumbly mixture on a sheet of plastic wrap. Shape it into a 1-inch-thick disk, using the plastic wrap to help. Wrap tightly and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour. (The dough can be frozen at this point for up to 2 months.) If frozen, place the dough in the refrigerator the day before and then at room-temp the day of baking.

Day of: Place the dough on a floured piece of parchment or wax paper. Using your knuckles, make indentations around the dough (this will help prevent cracking when you roll the dough out). With a floured rolling pin, roll the dough into an 11-inch circle (work from the center outward, and use the parchment to rotate the dough). Flour the rolling pin, parchment, and dough as necessary to prevent sticking.

Loosen the dough from the parchment and carefully transfer to a 9-inch pie plate (I had enough for a 12-inch pie plate). Fit the dough into the plate. Trim the dough to a 1-inch over-hang and tuck it under itself to create a thick rim, if you'd like. I like a rustic crust edge so I didn't follow the remaining instructions. There are several websites out there with instructions for beautiful edges and the one coming up is a nice, simple edge.

With the index finger of one hand, press the dough against the thumb and fore-finger of the opposite hand; continue around the perimeter of the crust. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to 2 days before using.

Day of: Take a fork and puncture the bottom of the crust. Pre-bake crust for 20-25 minutes at 350 and then allow to cool.

* Use leftover crust for cut-outs if you'd like. I used a leaf template found on Martha

Stewart's site. Just print and cut-out, place on dough and run a knife around it. Place on top of the filling, when you add the streusel (after the filling has cooked until almost set).

Puree

Preheat the oven to 400. Cut the top (stem) and bottom of the pumpkin off and cut the pumpkin in half lengthwise. Place the cut side down on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake about an hour. Cool then add to food processor, blender or mash by hand to puree. If freezing, place in airtight container and remove from the freezer the day before, placing it in the refrigerator. The pumpkin puree will keep for up to 6 months in the freezer.

Filling

Preheat or keep oven at 350 (after pre-baking the crust). In a bowl, whisk together brown sugar, eggs, salt, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and nutmeg. Then, whisk in pumpkin and cream until the ingredients are smooth. Pour into (cooled) pie crust. Bake until filling is firm, but not fully set, approximately 30-45 minutes. If the crust is golden brown and no longer needs to be baked, place aluminum foil over the edge to prevent burning.

Prepare the streusel by combining the pecans, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl. After filling has firmed, pull pie out of oven and reduce temperature to 325. Sprinkle the streusel over the top (add cut-outs if you've made them) and return to the oven and bake until filling is set and pie has puffed up, about 15 minutes. Transfer the pie to a cooling rack and cool completely. Top with homemade whipped cream or ice cream (or not) and maybe a sprinkle of cinnamon on top of that.