Cranberry-apple pie

A two-crust apple pie in which fresh cranberries take the place of some of the apples.

Makes
1 pie, 9 inches across

Cooking time
45 to 60 minutes

Kind
Pies and tarts

From
United States

Source
Apples in Appealing Ways (Home and Garden Bulletin No. 161), April 1969

Allergens

Contains

wheat (gluten): all-purpose flour

In optional ingredients

milk: butter

Check the label for

soya: shortening

Suits vegetarians.

Worked out from the ingredients as written. Products differ, so read their labels. How allergens are worked out

Ingredients

For the pastry

- [ ] 2 cups all-purpose flour
- [ ] 1 teaspoon salt
- [ ] ⅔ cup shortening
- [ ] 4 tablespoons water, cold (about this much)

For the filling

- [ ] 5 cups tart apples, peeled and sliced
- [ ] 1 cup cranberries, fresh
- [ ] 1¼ cups sugar
- [ ] 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- [ ] ½ to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  In the source: “½ to 1 teaspoon cinnamon, as desired”
- [ ] 2 tablespoons butter (optional)
  In the source: “2 tablespoons butter or margarine, if desired”

You will need

- a pie tin, 9 inches across

Method

For the pastry

1. Mix the all-purpose flour and salt thoroughly. Mix in the shortening only until the mixture is crumbly.
2. Add the water a little at a time, blending lightly. The dough should be just moist enough to cling together when pressed.
3. Form the dough into two balls, one slightly larger than the other.

4 ☐ Roll out the larger ball on a lightly floured surface, or between two sheets of waxed paper, and fit it carefully into the pie tin. Lift the edges and smooth out any air bubbles.

5 ☐ Roll out the smaller ball for the top crust and cut a few slits in it for steam to escape.

For the pie

6 ☐ Fill the pastry-lined tin with the tart apples and the cranberries.

7 ☐ Blend the sugar, cornstarch and ground cinnamon and sprinkle them over the fruit. Dot with the butter, if you are using it.

8 ☐ Place the top crust on the pie. Fold the edges of the two crusts under and press them together to seal.

9 ☐ Bake at 400°F for 45 to 60 minutes, until the apples are tender and the crust is golden brown.

The apples

The apple pie that this one varies asks for tart apples, pared and sliced, and the source tells the cook to let its table of varieties guide the choice. That table marks eleven varieties for general cooking and describes ten of them as tart in some degree.[1]

Varieties the sources name:

Cortland (North America) Grimes Golden (North America) Jonathan (North America) McIntosh (North America) Northern Spy (North America) Rome Beauty (North America) Stayman (North America) Winesap (North America) Newtown Pippin (North America) York Imperial (North America)

This recipe

It follows Apples in Appealing Ways (Home and Garden Bulletin No. 161). The source uses American measures (cups, spoons, pints and pounds); the metric amounts are this site's conversions. This site has no kitchen and has not cooked the recipe.

What was changed: The source prints this pie only as a variation of its apple pie: "Use 1 cup fresh cranberries in place of 1 cup of the apples. Increase sugar to 1¼ cups." Our list is the apple pie's with those two changes worked in: 5 cups of apples where the apple pie has 6, 1 cup of cranberries, and 1¼ cups of sugar where it has ¾. The source does not say how the cranberries go in; we put them into the tin with the apple slices, whose place they take. The method, oven temperature and time are those of the apple pie, which the variation leaves unchanged. The source asks for "Pastry for 9-inch, 2-crust pie" and prints none. The pastry here is from Family Fare, another bulletin of the same department, which gives the quantities for one crust (among them "About 2 tablespoons cold water") and says to double the recipe for a two-crust pie, so each quantity in our pastry list is its figure doubled; the steps for mixing, rolling and sealing the pastry are Family Fare's too. The source allows butter or margarine, if desired; we give butter. Its piepan is our pie tin. The metric quantities are our conversions of the two bulletins' cups, and the weight of apples is that of the prepared slices.

How the recipes are chosen and converted

Sources

1. Apples in Appealing Ways (Home and Garden Bulletin No. 161) (https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/62284), Human Nutrition Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture; Project Gutenberg, April 1969.
2. Family Fare: Food Management and Recipes (Home and Garden Bulletin No. 1) (https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/72624), Human Nutrition Research Division and Consumer and Food Economics Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture; Project Gutenberg, Revised April 1968.

From The World of Apples, apple.io/recipes/cranberry-apple-pie/