Pumpkin Pie Recipe
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Easy Pumpkin Puree

Instead of roasting just one pumpkin, try doing two at one time so you can have pumpkin puree even in May.

Prep: 10 mins  
Total: 5 hrs  
Yield: Yields about 2 cups

Ingredients
1 sugar pumpkin (3 1/2 to 4 pounds)

Directions
Step 1  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Snap off the pumpkin's stem and halve the gourd lengthwise. With a spoon or melon baller, remove seeds and rinse for roasting or discard.

Step 2  
Place pumpkin halves cut-side down on a large rimmed baking sheet. Roast until tender, about 1 hour.

Step 3  
When cool enough to handle, scoop out cooked pumpkin flesh; discard skin. Transfer pumpkin flesh to a food processor; process until smooth.

Step 4  
Set a colander in a large bowl and line with a double-layer of cheesecloth. Place pumpkin puree in cheesecloth. Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator to drain, at least 4 hours, and up to 3 days.

Cook's Notes  
Kept in the freezer, the puree will last for up to 6 months.

Pate Brisee for Traditional Pumpkin Pie

Use this dough to make Traditional Pumpkin Pie with a Fluted Crust.

Ingredients
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for surface
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
8 ounces (2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
3 to 4 tablespoons ice water, plus more if needed

Directions
Step 1  
Pulse flour and salt in a food processor until combined. Add butter, and process until mixture resembles coarse meal, about 10 seconds. With machine running, add ice water in a slow, steady stream until mixture just begins to hold together.

Step 2  
Shape dough into a disk, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 3 days (or freeze for up to 1 month; thaw in refrigerator before using).
Ingredients
1 cup packed light-brown sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1 1/2 cups fresh Pumpkin Puree, or canned
3 large eggs, lightly beaten, plus 1 egg for glaze
1 1/2 cups evaporated milk
Pate Brisee (Pie Dough)
1 tablespoon heavy cream

Directions
Step 1
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside. In a large bowl, combine sugar, cornstarch, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, pumpkin puree, and 3 eggs. Beat well. Add evaporated milk, and combine. Set aside.

Step 2
Between two pieces of plastic wrap, roll pate brisee into a 12-inch circle. Fit pastry into a 9-inch glass pie plate; trim dough evenly along edge, leaving about a 1/2-inch overhang. Pinch to form a decorative edge. If the dough begins to soften, chill for 15 minutes.

Step 3
Make the glaze: Beat the remaining egg, and combine with heavy cream. Brush glaze very lightly on edges of pie shell. Fill pie shell with pumpkin mixture. Transfer to prepared baking sheet.

Step 4
Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue baking for 30 minutes more. Cool on a wire rack.