

CHICKEN POT PIE

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep: 30 minutes / Cook: 1 hour

Ingredients:

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 4 carrots, peeled, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- 32 oz cooked chicken meat*
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 egg, beaten
- Parsley, chopped
- Thyme leaves
- Black pepper
- Salt
- 2 prepared pie crusts (I use Pillsbury's ready-to-bake 2-pack)**
- Cooking spray

Note:

• I usually DOUBLE this recipe. I'll make one pie for dinner, then freeze half of the filling for a future pie. Move it from the freezer to the refrigerator 24-48 hours before you're going to bake the second pie and it'll be ready to assemble. Tastes just as yummy with a lot less work.

^{*} There are many ways to source and prepare the chicken for this recipe. You can poach 4 boneless, skinless breasts, then cube; buy a rotisserie chicken and pick apart the meat; or, do what I usually do—purchase a large container of cooked and shredded roasted chicken from the deli section of the grocery store.

^{**} Of course you can make your own crust from scratch, but I think the premade ones are just as good. (My late grandmothers would seriously disagree with me on that though!)

Steps:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F (190° C).
- 2. Take your prepared pie crusts out of the refrigerator.
- 3. Over medium heat, melt butter in your biggest, heavy bottom pot (I use my beloved Le Creuset Dutch oven), then sauté the onion, carrots until softened, about 8 minutes or so.
- 4. Add the garlic and cook a few more minutes.
- 5. Incorporate the flour, stirring constantly, until you get a golden color, about 3 minutes.
- 6. Slowly whisk in the broth.
- 7. Bring to a boil and cook, about 5 minutes.
- 8. Remove from heat, then add the cooked chicken, peas, cream, parsley, thyme, salt, and pepper. Set aside.
- 9. Cover a large cookie sheet with foil and spray a 9" glass pie plate with cooking spray.
- 10. Unroll one pie crust and place in pie plate.
- 11. Add filling to pie plate.
- 12. Unroll second pie crust and place on top of filling, crimping the edges together with the bottom crust. You might have to fold the crust under itself.
- 13. With a sharp knife, cut four 2" slits on the top of the crust.
- 14. Brush the beaten egg over the surface of the pie.
- 15. Bake pie on cookie sheet (in case it overflows) until golden, about 45 minutes.
- 16. Let cool a bit before serving.

Leftovers heat up well covered with foil in a 325° F oven, 20 minutes or so, or in the microwave if you're in a hurry, and who isn't?