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BLUEBERRY PEAR SLAB PIE (LATTICE CRUSTED)

Blueberry Pear Slab Pie is a tasty autumn pie recipe. Homemade, rustic pie crust and gooey, fruity, sweet pear and blueberry filling.

MAKES	1	PIE (20 CM X 35 CM / 9X13 INCH) OR 20 SLICES
PREPARATION:	20	MINUTES
DOUGH REST:	30	MINUTES
BAKE:	60	MINUTES
TOTAL TIME:	110	MINUTES

HOMEMADE PIE CRUST

375 g all-purpose flour (3 cups + 1/8 cup or 13.2 oz)

125 g sugar (2/3 cup or 4.4 oz)

1/4 tsp baking powder

250 g cold butter (2 sticks + 2 tbsp or 8.8 oz)

1 egg yolk

1/2 tsp lemon zest

2 tbsp white wine or milk or water

PEAR FILLING

1,5 kg (3.3 lbs) pears (about 8 pears)

40 g cornstarch (1/3 cup or 1.4 oz)

90 g packed brown sugar (1/2 cup or 3.1 oz)

60 g ground walnuts (1/2 cup or 2.1 oz)

4 tbsp blueberry jam

TOPPING

1 egg (for egg wash)

2 tbsp brown sugar

PIE DOUGH

Add all-purpose flour, sugar, and baking powder to a large bowl. Add cold butter cubes. Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour mixture until there are no lumps or chunks of butter left. Feel free to use a blender or food processor to make the dough. Add the lemon zest egg yolk and liquid (wine, milk or water) to the flour mixture and knead until it all comes together, for about 30 seconds. Don't overwork it. It should remain crumbly. Divide the dough in half.

ROLL OUT THE DOUGH

Dust your working surface with flour. Place a sheet of parchment paper over the dusted surface. Place one half of the dough in the center of the parchment paper and cover with another sheet of parchment paper. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough to approximately 0.5 cm (1/4-inch) thickness. Repeat the process with the remaining half of the dough. Place each dough on a separate tray or baking sheet (lined with parchment paper) and place it in the fridge for 1 hour or in a freezer for 30 minutes.

TRANSFER TO A BAKING SHEET

Remove the dough from the fridge (or freezer) and roll it into 2 - 3 mm (1/8 inch) thickness. Transfer half of the dough to a baking sheet (20 cm x 35 cm / 9x13 inch). Prick the dough with a fork and trim the dough so there is about 2 cm / 1 inch overlapping the edge of your baking sheet. Tuck the dough under and onto itself, to give it a neat folded edge.

PEAR FILLING

Clean and peel pears. Cut in quarters, remove the core and

TOOLS AND EQUIPEMENT

bowls
blender or food processor
(optional)
parchment paper
rolling pin
baking sheet 20 cm x 35 cm /
9x13 inch
kitchen knife

slice them thinly. Add the sliced pears to a large bowl. Add brown sugar, cornstarch and ground walnuts. Stir to combine and set aside until needed.

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Spread high-quality blueberry jam over the dough in the baking sheet. Evenly spread the pear filling over the blueberry jam. Cut 2 - 2,5 cm (1 inch) stripes from the rest of the dough and create a desirable lattice finish on top of the filling. Using a brush, gently brush the lattice and the edges of the pie with the egg wash. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Place in the preheated oven. Bake for about 15 - 20 minutes at 200 °C / 390 °F, then lower the heat and bake for another 40 - 45 minutes at 170 °C / 345 °F.

SERVE

Remove the Blueberry Pear Slab Pie from the oven and let it cool slightly on the baking sheet. Cut on even slices (you will get around 20 slices) and serve. Keep chilled in an airtight container for up to 3 days