AMERICAN · DESSERT

Keto Mock Apple Pie with Flaky Almond Crust

105 min · plus cooling | Makes 12 × 1 slice (1/12 pie) | 313 kcal a portion | Video 8:12 · KetoFocus

Vegetarian | Gluten-free ingredients

Zucchini or chayote cooked with cinnamon, allspice and apple flavouring stands in for apples, in a butter and almond-flour crust: about 5 g net carbs a slice instead of a sugary apple filling.

Diet notes: Keto (4.7 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

19 · MAKES 12 × 1 SLICE (1/12 PIE)

- [ ] 2 cups **almond flour**
- [ ] 6 tbsp **coconut flour**
- [ ] 2 tsp **xanthan gum**, for the crust
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**, for the crust
- [ ] 1 cup **unsalted butter**, chilled and cubed, for the crust
- [ ] 2 oz **cream cheese**, softened
- [ ] 2 **eggs**, for the crust
- [ ] 1 tbsp **rice vinegar** (or apple cider vinegar), for the crust
- [ ] 1 **egg** beaten with 1 tbsp water, for the egg wash (about half is used)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **butter**, for the filling
- [ ] 2 lb **zucchini or chayote**, peeled and diced
- [ ] ¾ cup **granulated sugar-free sweetener**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground cinnamon**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **ground allspice**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **salt**, for the filling
- [ ] ½ tsp **xanthan gum**, for the filling
- [ ] 1 tsp **arrowroot powder**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **apple cider vinegar**, for the filling
- [ ] 1 tsp **apple extract** (or 2 dropperfuls apple flavouring drops)

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Egg, Milk, Tree nuts. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Pulse the almond flour, coconut flour, 2 tsp xanthan gum and 1 tsp salt in a food processor. Add the very cold butter cubes and the cream cheese and pulse just to coarse crumbs. 0:56
2. Add the 2 eggs and the vinegar and pulse until a dough forms with flecks of butter still visible. Press into a disc between baking paper and chill 15 minutes. 2:06
3. Take a third of the dough for the lattice. Roll the rest between two sheets of baking paper to 0–¼ inch thick, then roll out the smaller piece; keep both cold in the fridge or freezer. 3:37
4. Melt the butter in a large frying pan over medium-high heat and cook the peeled, diced zucchini or chayote a few minutes. Add the allspice, cinnamon, salt and sweetener, lower the heat and cook until soft, 10–15 minutes. 4:51
5. Sprinkle in ½ tsp xanthan gum and the arrowroot and cook 2–3 minutes more. Off the heat, stir in the apple cider vinegar and apple extract; let it cool. 5:33
6. Line the pie plate with the larger crust and flute the edge. Spoon in the filling, lay strips of the smaller crust across in a lattice and brush with egg wash. 6:14
7. Bake at 350°F for 30–35 minutes, until golden brown on top and around the edge. Let it set before slicing. 7:17

> **Tip** Chayote stays crisper and more apple-like than zucchini. Keep the butter frozen until it goes in for the flakiest crust. Serve warm or at room temperature.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion, 1 slice (1/12 pie), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
313 kcal	**6.9** g	**9.2** g	**4.6** g	**29** g	**300** mg
1,310 kJ	14% of a day	4.7 g net · 3.2 g sugars 3% of a day	16% of a day	13 g saturated 37% of a day	13% of a day

Energy from net carbs 6% · protein 9% · fat 85% — fits keto: 4.7 g net carbs, 85% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin E 33% · Vitamin A 20%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 15% · Vitamin C 15% · Vitamin B6 10% · Selenium 10%

Recipe and video: KetoFocus (@KetoFocus) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=i4PgmEZa_Gg, published 16 October 2021. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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