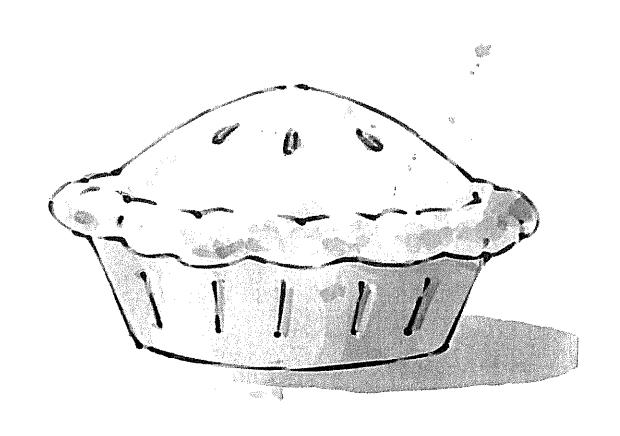


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# Perfect Pies and Tarts with Chef Instructor Wendi James April 28, 2019







# Mixed Berry Crostata

Crostata Dough

## Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 8 ounces butter, cold, cubed
- 2 oz ice water

## Method

- 1. Place flour, sugar, and butter in a mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed until mixture resembles coarse sand.
- 2. With the machine running slowly add the water. Mix until mixture starts to come together.
- 3. Remove dough from the machine and roll into a ball. Flatten and wrap well in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 20 minutes.

# Berry Filling

# Ingredients

1 1/2 - 2 cups mixed berries

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 tablespoon corn starch

## Method

- 1. Stir together sugar and corn starch.
- 2. Toss berries with sugar mixture.
- 3. Pile berries into center of rolled crostata dough.
- 4. Fold in egg washed edges. Egg wash outer edge.
- 5. Bake at 350 until golden brown on the bottom.

# Lime Cream Pie

Pie Dough

## Ingredients

9 ounces butter, cold, cubed

7.25 ounces confectioner's sugar

20.5 ounces flour

6 ounces egg yolks

1/2 tablespoon vanilla extract

## Method

- 1. Combine confectioner's sugar and flour in a mixing bowl with cubed butter.
- 2. Mix with a paddle until crumbly in appearance.
- 3. Stir together egg yolks and vanilla extract.
- 4. Add egg yolks to flour mixture and mix on low until a dough starts to form.
- 5. Wrap and chill at least 20 minutes.
- 6. Roll to 1/8 1/4" thickness and line a pie pan.
- 7. Blind bake with beans 10 minutes. Remove beans and cook an additional 5 minutes.
- 8. Allow to cool completely.

## Lime Curd

## Ingredients

1 cup sugar

3 limes, zested

4 eggs

3/4 cup lime juice

10.5 ounces butter

## Method

- 1. Place sugar and lime zest in a small saucepan and rub together.
- 2. Whisk in eggs and lime juice. Cook over medium heat to 180F while whisking continuously.
- 3. Pour through a fine mesh strainer (chinois) and allow to cool to 140f.
- 4. Whisk in butter.
- 5. Pour into blind baked and cooled pie shells.
- 6. Top with whipped cream.

# Caramel Cashew Tart

Creme Fraiche Tart Dough

## Ingredients

2.5 cups cake flour

1/3 cup sugar

8 ounces butter, cold, cubed

2 large yolks

2 ounces crème fraiche

#### Method

- 1. Place flour, sugar, and butter in a mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Mix until crumbly in appearance.
- 2. Stir together yolks and crème fraiche.
- 3. Add to flour mixture. Mix until a dough forms.
- 4. Remove dough from bowl and work into a ball..
- 5. Roll dough on a floured surface to 1/4" thickness. Line tart tin and fill with plastic wrapped baking beans.
- 6. Bake 350f for 10 minutes. Remove baking beans and bake an additional 5 minutes or until golden brown. Allow to cool completely.

## Caramel Cashew Filling

## Ingredients

Roasted Cashews

400 grams sugar

1 tsp vanilla bean puree or 1 vanilla bean, scraped

400 grams heavy cream

7.5 grams salt

280 grams butter, cold

#### Method

- 1. Fill baked pie shell with toasted cashews. Put aside.
- 2. Place sugar in a large saucepan with enough water to make "wet sand". Cook to amber caramel (340-345F).
- 3. Meanwhile, warm heavy cream with vanilla bean.
- 4. Remove from heat and slowly add heavy cream. Stir in salt.
- 5. Cool to 40C and use a hand blender to mix in butter.
- 6. Pour over cashews and allow to set.