Chocolate Strawberry Pie

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Ingredients

- 1 recipe chocolate graham craker crust (see below), or 1 store-bought graham cracker crust
- 2 lbs. strawberries, rinsed, stems removed
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 4 oz. dark or semi-sweet chocolate chips



Directions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350°F and prepare your pie crust according to the directions below. Set aside.
- 2. In a small bowl, stir together the sugar and cornstarch.
- 3. Reserve 5-7 strawberries for decorating, then chop the remaining strawberries and put them in a large saucepan. Heat, stirring occasionally, over medium-low heat until the strawberries release most of their juice and begin to break down. Stir the sugar mixture into the strawberries and increase the heat to medium-high. Bring the strawberries to a boil, stirring regularly, then reduce to a simmer and cook until the mixture is thickened to the texture of jam.
- 4. Pour the strawberry mixture into the pre-baked pie crust, shaking the pan gently to make sure the filling is evenly distributed. Bake the pie for 10 minutes, then cool for at least 1 hour.
- 5. When your pie is sufficiently cooled, put the chocolate chips in a glass bowl and heat the cream in a small saucepan until it just begins to boil. Pour the hot cream over the chocolate chips and let stand for 5 minutes. Whisk the chocolate chips and cream until a smooth ganache forms.
- 6. Spread the ganache over the pie, then decorate with sliced strawberries. Serve immediately or refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Chocolate Graham Cracker Crust

<u>Ingredients</u>

- 1½ cups finely-crushed chocolate graham crackers or cookies
- 5 Tbsp. butter

Directions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350°F.
- 2. Crush your graham crackers or cookies using a food processor (or blunt object and a plastic bag) until the crumbs resemble sand.
- 3. Stir together the cookie crumbs and melted butter until the mixture holds together when pressed.
- 4. Press the crumb mixture into the bottom and up the sides of a 9" pie plate. Bake the crust for 10 minutes, or until it starts to harden. Fill as desired.