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Cranberry Orange Walnut Relish

By Katie Goodman

I love homemade cranberry sauce, but no matter how much I (and everyone else at the table) like it, there always seem to be leftovers. Here I'll provide you with a delicious recipe for homemade Cranberry Orange Walnut Relish that you can use on your Thanksgiving turkey, and a simple way to use the leftovers to make delicious tarts.



Cranberry Orange Walnut Relish

Ingredients

³/₄ cup orange juice
¹/₂ cup sugar
4 Tbsp maple syrup
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
2 tsp orange zest
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1/8 tsp salt
12 oz fresh cranberries
1/3 cup golden raisins
2/3 cup walnut pieces

Directions

Step 1: Combine orange juice, sugar, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, orange zest, vanilla, and salt in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until the sugar has dissolved. Stir in the cranberries and golden raisins.

Step 2: Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer, and cook for 3–5 minutes — or until the cranberries pop. Remove from heat and stir in the walnut pieces. Cover and chill 2 hours before serving with turkey.

Leftovers will last up to 2 days refrigerated in a sealed container.

Bite-Sized Cranberry Orange Walnut Tarts

These Bite-Sized Cranberry Orange Walnut Tarts are a simple way to use up any leftover cranberry relish from your Thanksgiving feast. They make fun little bites that you can pop in your mouth if you need just a little something sweet, or you can serve them as appetizers before your meal.

Ingredients

Makes 24 bite-sized tarts Half of a recipe of Cranberry Orange Walnut Relish One recipe All Butter Pie Crust (Pâte Brisée) see following page

Directions

Step 1: Prepare pie crust according to recipe instructions. Roll into an ¼"-thick round. Using a round cookie cutter or the rim of a glass, cut two dozen 3"–3½" circles.

Step 2: Spray a mini muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. You will need twenty four total muffin cups. Place each round in a muffin cup, pressing lightly to form to the shape of the cup.

Step 3: Place a heaping tablespoon of the cranberry orange walnut relish in each dough-lined cup. Bake at 375 degrees F for 15–20 minutes, or until the dough is lightly golden and the filling is hot. If desired, brush the edges of the crust with melted butter.

Serve warm.

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All Butter Pie Crust

By Katie Goodman Slightly adapted from *Simply Recipes*

I have had so many failures with pie crust — too sticky, too dry, full of cracks that for a while I just resigned myself to buying either frozen crusts or those ones you roll out and shape yourself. But that's really not my style. I love homemade, not store-bought. When I found this recipe from *Simply Recipes*, it seemed so easy and straightforward that I thought it was worth another go. With such great results on my first try, I felt the confidence I needed to never look back at those store-bought crusts again.

Note: If you're trying to save time on Thanksgiving, you can make the recipe up to Step 5 and store it in the refrigerator until you're ready to make the pie. Just let it sit out on the counter for about 10 minutes before you roll it out.

Ingredients

1¼ cups all-purpose flour 8 Tbsp (1 stick) butter, cold ½ tsp salt 1½ tsp sugar 2–4 Tbsp ice water

Directions

Step 1: Cube the butter into ½" pieces. Place them on a freezer-safe plate or cutting board and freeze until very firm, approximately 30 minutes.

Step 2: Sift together the flour, salt, and sugar. Add the flour mixture to a food processor along with the butter. Pulse the ingredients until the butter is cut into coarse crumbs.

Step 3: Turn the contents of the food processor out into a bowl. Using a fork, stir in the ice cold water 1 tablespoon at a time until the mixture becomes a crumbly dough and forms together.



Step 4: On an un-floured surface, turn the dough out and shape it into a circle, approximately 6" in diameter, kneading as little as possible (pockets of butter are what keep the crust flaky and tender).

Step 5: Dust both sides of the circle with a bit of flour and wrap in plastic wrap. Freeze for 30 minutes or refrigerate for an hour.

Step 6: Remove the dough from the refrigerator or freezer. Set it aside while you dust the work surface and rolling pin with flour. Unwrap the dough and roll with a rolling pin until the dough has formed a circle about 12" in diameter and ½" thick.

Prepare the dough according to your desired pie or tart recipe.