

# Strawberry Blackberry Slab Pie <br> $\boldsymbol{\star} \boldsymbol{\star} \boldsymbol{\star} \boldsymbol{\star} \boldsymbol{\star}_{5 \text { from 4reviews }}$ <br> Author: Sally Prep Time: 3 hours Cook Time: 50 minutes Total Time: 3 hours, 50 minutes <br> Yield: 14-18 slices 

Simple strawberry blackberry slab pie recipe with an all butter flaky pie crust feeds a crowd! This is a free form summer pie assembled and baked on a baking sheet.

## Ingredients

## CRUST

4 cups ( 500 g ) all-purpose flour (spoon \& leveled)
1 and $1 / 2$ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
1 and $3 / 4$ cup ( 3.5 sticks; 400 g ) unsalted butter, very cold and cubed
$3 / 4$ cup ( 180 ml ) ice cold water
egg wash: 1 large egg, lightly beaten with 1 Tablespoon ( 15 ml ) milk
optional: coarse sugar for sprinkling on top

## FILLING

4 cups ( 650 g ) hulled and chopped fresh strawberries
4 cups ( 500 g ) halved fresh blackberries
$1 / 2$ cup (100g) granulated sugar
$1 / 4$ cup ( 28 g ) cornstarch
1 Tablespoon ( 15 ml ) lemon juice
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
pinch salt

## Instructions

Make the pie crust: Mix the flour, salt, and sugar together in a large bowl. Add the butter. Using a pastry cutter, a food processor, or two forks, cut the butter into the mixture until you have peasize crumbles with a few larger crumbs of fat. (I prefer a pastry cutter for control, ease, and so it's not accidentally over-mixed.) Drizzle the cold water in, 1 Tablespoon ( 15 ml ) at a time, and stir after every Tablespoon added. Do not add any more water than you need to. Stop adding water when the dough begins to form large clumps. I always use about $3 / 4$ cup ( 180 ml ) water. Transfer the pie dough to a floured work surface. Using floured hands, fold the dough into itself until the flour is fully incorporated into the butter pieces. The dough should come together easily and should not feel overly sticky. Form dough into a ball. Divide dough in half. Flatten each half into 1inch thick discs using your hands. Wrap each tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours (and up to 5 days) or freeze for up to 3 months. Thaw overnight in the fridge before using.

Make the filling: Gently mix all of the filling ingredients together in a large bowl. Set aside.

## Preheat oven to $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(190^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.

Roll out the chilled pie crust: Remove 1 disc of pie dough from the refrigerator. Keep the other in the refrigerator as you work. I highly suggest rolling the dough out onto a piece of parchment paper or silicone baking mat fitted to your baking sheet. This way you can lift the entire piece of parchment/silicone baking mat off the counter (with the rolled out dough on top) and place on the baking sheet. Roll the dough out into a rectangle or oval shape. I find anywhere around a $10 \times 16$-inch size is great, though I've stretched it to a $13 \times 18$-inch size. Anywhere around this measurement will work. Dough should be about $1 / 8$-inch thick. Make sure to turn the dough about a quarter turn after every few rolls. Carefully place the dough (with parchment/silicone baking mat) onto a large rimmed baking sheet.

5 Spoon filling evenly on top of crust, leaving any excess liquid in the bowl. Leave a bare 1-inch border around the edges.

Roll out the 2 nd pie dough disc in the same-ish shape as the 1st. (If desired, you can cut into strips to weave a lattice on top.) Drape over filling, then use your hands to seal the top and bottom crusts together around the edges. Flute the edges or crimp with a fork. Cut slits into the top of the crust, then brush with a thin coating of egg wash. Sprinkle with coarse sugar, if desired.

Bake the slab pie for about 45-55 minutes until the crust is golden brown and you can see the filling bubbling. Remove from the oven and, if serving as hand-held bars, allow to cool completely in the pan set on a wire rack. If serving on plates, allow to cool for at least 45 minutes in the pan set on a wire rack. This pie is fantastic served a little warm with vanilla ice cream or at room temperature (or as cold leftovers, yum!).

## Notes

Make Ahead Instructions: The pie crust dough can be made ahead of time and stored in the refrigerator for up to 5 days or in the freezer for up to 3 months. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator before using. Baked whole pie or sliced pie bars freeze well for up to 3 months. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator and allow to come to room temperature before serving.

## Special Tools: Glass Mixing Bowls | Pastel Measuring Cups | Pastry Cutter | Pastry Brush | Baking

 Sheet | Rolling PinBerries: Avoid using frozen berries. Pie filling does not set when using frozen or frozen thawed berries. You'll need about 1 and $1 / 2$ pounds of both whole strawberries and blackberries. Feel free to substitute either berry with blueberries.

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