

Indulge in the zesty and luscious flavors of this Lemon Meringue Pie. The sweet and tangy lemon filling pairs perfectly with the fluffy meringue topping, all nestled in a buttery, flaky crust. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or just craving a delightful dessert, this pie is sure to brighten your day. Follow this easy recipe, and you'll have a homemade masterpiece in no time!

Lemon Meringue Pie is a classic dessert loved by many for its refreshing citrusy taste and heavenly texture. With a burst of lemony goodness in every bite, it's perfect for sharing with friends and family. Serve it as a sweet ending to a memorable meal, and watch as smiles light up around the table. So, roll up your sleeves, get ready to bake, and savor the joy of homemade goodness. Enjoy!

## **Ingredients:**

- 1 pre-made pie crust
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3 large egg yolks, beaten
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 large egg whites
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar

## **Directions:**

- 1. Start by preheating your oven to 350°F (175°C).
- 2. Place the pre-made pie crust in a 9-inch pie dish and crimp the edges as desired. Prick the bottom of the crust with a fork and bake it in the preheated oven for about 10 minutes or until it's lightly golden brown. Remove it from the oven and set it aside to cool.
- 3. In a medium saucepan, whisk together 3/4 cup granulated sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Gradually stir in the water, then cook over medium-high heat, stirring constantly until the mixture comes to a boil. Let it boil for about 2 minutes or until it thickens.
- 4. In a separate bowl, beat the egg yolks. Gradually whisk in about 1/2 cup of the hot sugar mixture. Pour this egg yolk mixture back into the saucepan with the remaining



sugar mixture, and continue to cook and stir for another 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add in the butter, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla extract. Stir until the butter is melted and everything is well combined.

- 5. Pour the lemon filling into the baked pie crust.
- 6. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Gradually add in 1/4 cup granulated sugar and continue to beat until stiff, glossy peaks form.
- 7. Spread the meringue over the lemon filling, making sure to seal the edges to the crust.
- 8. Bake the pie in the preheated oven for about 10-12 minutes or until the meringue is golden brown.
- 9. Remove the Lemon Meringue Pie from the oven and let it cool to room temperature before refrigerating for at least 2 hours.
- 10. Serve chilled and enjoy!

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes | **Cooking Time:** 25 minutes | **Total Time:** 2 hours 40 minutes

Kcal: 285 kcal | Servings: 8 servings