



# Silent Night Chocolate Graham Pie

## A Pie That Whispers Sweet Things

Hello, my dear. Come sit a spell. Let's talk about a quiet little pie. It's called Silent Night Chocolate Graham Pie. The name makes me smile. It is a deep chocolate pudding in a crunchy, sweet crust. It is not loud or fussy. It is a hug in a pie plate.

I first made this for my grandson after a hard day at school. He was so quiet. A slice of this pie made his eyes go wide. He didn't say a word. He just smiled with a chocolate mustache. I still laugh at that. Food can speak when words can't. That is why this matters.

## The Crust That Holds It All

We start with the crust. It is just graham crackers, sugar, and melted butter. You crush the crackers until they are like sand. Then you mix in the butter. It should feel like damp sand at the beach. Press it into the pie plate firmly. Use the bottom of a cup. It makes it nice and even.

You bake it for just a few minutes. Your kitchen will smell like toasted honey. Isn't that a wonderful smell? This crust is not just a holder. It is the first chapter of the story. A good, sturdy beginning. What is your favorite pie crust? Is it graham cracker, or maybe something else?

## The Heart of the Pudding

Now, the chocolate filling. This is where the magic happens. You warm milk and cream. Then you melt good dark chocolate right in it. Use a chocolate bar you like to eat. *Fun fact: The type of chocolate matters! A 60% dark chocolate will be sweet and deep, like a cozy blanket.*

Then you mix it with the egg yolks. You must go slow at first. Pour a little hot chocolate into the eggs while whisking. This is called "tempering." It keeps the eggs from turning into scrambled eggs in your pudding! It is a small, careful step. But it makes all the difference. Cooking teaches us patience.

## Waiting for the Magic

You cook the pudding until it thickens. It will coat the back of your spoon. Then you strain it. This catches any little lumps. It makes the pudding silky smooth. Pour it into your cool crust. Now comes the hard part. You must walk away.

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The pie needs to chill for hours. I like to make it before bed. It sets up overnight. Waiting is part of the recipe. Good things take time. This matters in baking and in life. Do you find it hard to wait for a treat to be ready?

## The Final Flourish

The next day, make the whipped cream. Use very cold cream. A little powdered sugar makes it sweet. Whip it until it forms soft peaks. Spread it over your dark, set pudding. It looks like snow on a chocolate landscape.

You can add chocolate curls on top. Or not. It is perfect either way. Slice it cleanly. Serve it on a plate. Watch people take their first bite. The crunch, the smooth chill, the rich chocolate. It is a moment of pure quiet joy. What would you name your perfect pie?

## Ingredients:

Ingredient	Amount	Notes
Graham cracker crumbs	1 1/2 cups	Finely crushed (~12 whole graham crackers)
Granulated sugar (for crust)	1/4 cup	
Kosher salt (for crust)	1/2 tsp	
Unsalted butter, melted (for crust)	6 tbsp	
Large egg yolks	4	Room temperature
Granulated sugar (for filling)	1/2 cup	
Kosher salt (for filling)	1/4 tsp	

Ingredient	Amount	Notes
Cornstarch	3 tbsp	
Whole milk	1 1/2 cups	
Heavy cream (for filling)	1 cup	
Semisweet dark chocolate	6 oz	Finely chopped, 60-70% cacao preferred
Unsalted butter (for filling)	2 tbsp	Cut into pieces
Vanilla extract	1 tsp	
Heavy cream (for topping)	1 cup	Very cold
Powdered sugar	2 tbsp	
Chocolate curls or shavings	For garnish	Optional



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### Instructions

**Step 1:** First, make your crust. Heat your oven to 350°F. Mix the crumbs, sugar, and salt in a bowl. Pour in the melted butter and stir. It should look like damp sand. Press it firmly into your pie plate. (Use a measuring cup to press it flat!) Bake it for 6-8 minutes until it smells toasty. Let it cool completely. This is your pie's cozy bed.

**Step 2:** Now, whisk your egg yolks, sugar, salt, and cornstarch. Whisk until it's all smooth and a bit thick. Set this bowl aside. This mixture is your secret thickener. It makes the pudding wonderfully creamy. I always give my whisk a little tap. It feels like the start of something good.

See also [Peppermint Mocha Holiday Cookie Swirls](#)

**Step 3:** Time for the chocolate. Gently heat the milk and cream in a saucepan. Don't let it boil! Add the chopped chocolate. Stir until it's all melted and dreamy. Doesn't that smell amazing? This is the heart of the whole pie. Turn off the heat for a moment. **What's your favorite chocolate bar for baking? Share below!**

**Step 4:** Here's the important part. Scoop about a cup of the hot chocolate mix. Slowly pour it into your egg yolk bowl, whisking the whole time. (This tempers the eggs so they don't scramble!) Now, pour it all back into the saucepan. Stir it together. You are making magic.

**Step 5:** Cook this over medium-low heat. Stir constantly with a spatula. It will get thick like pudding. You'll see a few slow bubbles pop. It's ready when it coats your spoon. Pull it off the heat right away. Add the butter and vanilla. Stir until it's shiny and perfect.

**Step 6:** For the smoothest pie, strain it. Push the pudding through a sieve into a clean bowl. Press plastic wrap right on the surface. This stops a skin from forming. Let it cool on the counter. Patience is a cook's best friend.

**Step 7:** Pour your cooled pudding into the crust. Smooth the top. Press on more plastic wrap. Now, the hard part. Let it chill in the fridge for at least 6 hours. Overnight is even better. A set pie is a happy pie.

**Step 8:** Finally, the topping! Whip the cold cream and powdered sugar. Spread it over your chilled pie. Add chocolate curls if you like. Slice gently. Each piece is a silent, chocolatey night. I still laugh at how quiet everyone gets while eating it.

## Creative Twists

You can make this pie your own. Try a different crust for fun. Or add a little surprise inside. Here are three ideas I love.

**Swap the crust for crushed peppermint cookies.** It tastes like a chocolate mint dream.

**Stir a handful of mini marshmallows into the warm pudding.** They get soft and gooey.

**Add a thin layer of raspberry jam to the crust** before adding the pudding. Sweet and tart!

Which one would you try first? Comment below!

See also Anise Star Christmas Cookies

## Serving & Pairing Ideas

This pie is grand all on its own. But a little extra touch is nice. Serve it with a few fresh berries on the side. A sprinkle of sea salt on top is

wonderful too. It makes the chocolate taste deeper.

For drinks, I have two favorites. A glass of cold milk is the classic choice. It's perfect for everyone. For a special grown-up treat, a small glass of cherry port wine pairs beautifully. Which would you choose tonight?



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## Keeping Your Silent Night Pie Perfect

This pie loves the cold. It must stay in the fridge. Cover it well with plastic wrap or a lid. It will be happy for 3 to 4 days.

You can freeze it for later, too. Freeze the whole pie without the whipped cream. Thaw it overnight in your fridge. Add fresh cream before serving.

I once tried to freeze a slice with cream. It was a soggy mess! Now I know better. Batch cooking is a gift to your future self.

Making two crusts at once saves time. A ready dessert means a calm, happy you. **Have you ever tried storing it this way? Share below!**

## Simple Fixes for Common Hiccups

Is your crust crumbling? Press it harder. Use a measuring cup to really pack it down. A firm press makes a strong crust.

Worried about scrambled eggs? Tempering is your friend. Slowly add the hot milk to the yolks. I remember my first time. I was so nervous!

Is the pudding too thin? Just keep cooking. Stir until you see big, slow bubbles. This patience gives you a perfect, silky slice.

Getting the texture right builds kitchen confidence. A smooth filling feels like a big win. **Which of these problems have you run into before?**

## Your Quick Questions, Answered

**Q: Can I make this gluten-free?** A: Yes! Use gluten-free graham crackers for the crust. Check all your labels.

**Q: Can I make it ahead?** A: Absolutely. Make the whole pie a day early. The chill time makes it even better.

**Q: What if I don't have heavy cream?** A: For the filling, whole milk works. The topping won't whip without cream, though.

**Q: Can I make a smaller pie?** A: You can halve the recipe. Use a small tart pan. Just watch the baking time.

**Q: Is the sieve really needed?** A: It catches any little cooked bits. This gives you the smoothest pudding possible. \*Fun fact: This step is called "straining."\* **Which tip will you try first?**

## From My Kitchen to Yours

I hope this pie brings you quiet joy. It is a hug in dessert form. Share it with someone you love.

I would love to hear your stories. Tell me about your baking adventures in my kitchen. **Have you tried this recipe?** Let me know how it went.

Happy cooking!  
—Elowen Thorn.



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