

THE LAB

Three things to make and do



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A pie for Pi Day

Celebrate this mathematical holiday with a deep-fill dessert.

What you need

- 800g cherries
- 150g cherry jam
- 50g caster sugar
- 2½ tsp cornflour
- Shortcrust **pastry**
- 2tbsp ground **almonds**
- Cream or ice cream
- Cherry stoner or chopstick
- Bowl
- Rolling pin
- 25cm pie dish
- Kitchen foil (optional)

Allergy warning!

Ingredients in **bold** are allergens (substances that cause allergic reactions). Learn more at tinyurl.com/SN-allergy

Instructions

- 1** Preheat your oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Now very carefully de-stone your cherries. If you don't have a cherry stoner, you can use a chopstick.
- 2** Pop your de-stoned cherries in a bowl and toss together with the jam, sugar and cornflour.
- 3** Roll out your pastry onto a floured surface. Make sure there's enough pastry to fill a 25cm pie dish, and a bit extra for decorating the top.
- 4** Using a rolling pin, lift the pastry onto the pie dish. Push it into the dish with your fingers, squashing together any cracks that appear. Sprinkle the ground almonds over the pie-crust base.
- 5** Pour the cherry mixture into the pie dish and spread it out in an even layer. Using the extra pastry, you could decorate the top of the pie with a pi symbol (π). If you prefer a closed pie, you can pop on a pastry lid and decorate that.
- 6** Bake your pie for around 55 minutes, checking after 40 minutes to make sure the edges are not burning (if they look too brown, wrap the edges in foil while the centre bakes).
- 7** Take your pie out of the oven and leave to cool for one hour. Cut and serve with cream or ice cream.

Rolling out pastry.



How does it work?

Pi Day is celebrated on 14 March. This is because the first three digits of pi (π) are 3.14 – and that matches the date in the US calendar style (month/day). Pi is a magical mathematical number. It is the ratio of a circle's circumference (the distance around its edge) to its diameter (the distance from edge to edge, through the centre). The circumference of any circle is pi times the diameter. Pi is what mathematicians call an irrational number. This means it's a number that never ends. So far, pi has been calculated to a mind-blowing 105 trillion decimal places.

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