## **Chicken Pot Pie**



Serves: 8 Prep Time: 2 hr, 50 min Cook Time: 35 min

## Ingredients

2 Pie Crusts

1 lb skinless boneless chicken breast or thighs, cubed (450g)

1 cup sliced carrots about 2 carrots (about 130g)

1/2 cups sliced celery (about 40g)

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups unsalted butter (5 Tbsp; 71g)

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups chopped yellow onion 1/2 of a small onion (45g)

1 tsp minced garlic

1/3 cups all-purpose flour (41g)

34 tsp salt

1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp dried thyme leaves

1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups chicken broth/stock I recommend reduced sodium (420ml)

% cups half-and-half\* (160ml)

1 cup frozen peas (125g)

1 Tbsp milk (15ml)

optional: sprigs of fresh thyme for garnish

## Steps

- 1 In a large pot, combine chicken, carrots, and celery. Add enough water to cover the chicken and vegetables, then place over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, then allow to boil for 10 minutes. Remove from heat, drain, and set aside.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, combine the butter, onions, and garlic. Stirring occasionally, cook until the onions are translucent and the butter is lightly browning. Whisk in the flour, salt, black pepper, thyme, chicken broth, and half-and-half. Cook and whisk until no flour lumps remain, then simmer over medium-low heat until thick. I simmer mine for 10 minutes. You want it to be a very thick gravy; simmer longer if necessary. Taste and add more seasonings if you prefer. Sometimes I add more thyme. Remove from heat and set aside.
- 3 Preheat oven to 425°F (218°C).
- 4 Carefully place the dough into a 9-inch pie dish that's 1.5–2 inches deep. Tuck the dough in with your fingers, making sure it is smooth. With a small sharp knife or kitchen shears, trim the extra overhang of dough and discard.
- 5 Spoon the chicken and vegetable mixture into the crust. Scatter the frozen peas on top. Pour/spread the gravy evenly over top.

- 6 Cover the pie with the second crust and trim the extra overhang off the sides. Crimp the pie crust with a fork to seal the edges. With a small sharp knife, slice a few small slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape. Using a pastry brush, brush crust and edges with egg wash.
- 7 Bake for 32–38 minutes or until the top of the crust is golden brown. After 20 minutes of baking, be sure to cover the edges of the crust with aluminum foil or use a pie crust shield to prevent the edges from getting too brown. (See this post on the best pie baking tools for instructions on how to make a pie crust shield out of foil.)
- 8 Remove from the oven and cool for at least 10 minutes before serving. Makes amazing leftovers—the filling is so thick on the next day! Reheat as desired. Leftovers keep well in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 5 days.