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FILLING

425g orange fleshed pumpkin, peeled, seeded and cut into chunks 3 eggs 50g butter 250g light soft brown sugar 1tsp cornflour 60ml whole milk ½ tsp salt 1½ tsp ground cinnamon ½ ground ginger 240ml double cream¼ tsp ground nutmeg¼ tsp ground cloves¼ tsp ground black pepper

PASTRY

250g plain flour 125g unsalted butter, cold, cubed 180g caster sugar 1 large egg Pinch of salt

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- In a food processor or by hand, mix together the flour, salt, sugar and butter until you form a bread crumb like consistency
- Add the egg and work the mixture so it just starts to form a dough
- Wrap the dough in cling film and then rest in the fridge for 30 minutes
- Lightly grease a 25cm tart tin
- Roll out the pastry on a floured table about 3mm thick, large enough to line the tin, place into the tin, filling holes as needed

FILLING

- Pre heat the oven 180°C/gas mark 4
- Put the pumpkin pieces in a roasting tray with a few knobs of butter, cover with tin foil and bake for 30 minutes until soft, stirring occasionally
- Remove from the oven and then blend in a liquidiser until smooth. Push through a sieve to remove any fibrous strands
- Whisk the pumpkin with the eggs and sugar, then add the rest of the ingredients and mix well
- Remove the pastry from the fridge, line with greaseproof paper and fill with baking bean or rice, blind bake for 8 to 10 minutes until pastry is lightly golden, remove the baking beans and paper and leave to rest for 10 minutes
- Pour the pumpkin mix into the tart case and bake for a further 40 minutes or until filling has set. Serve with icing sugar and whipped cream

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