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For James Martin's easy quiche Lorraine, choose between making your own proper homemade pastry or a taking the shortcut with a quick shop-bought version.

METHOD

To make the pastry, sift the flour together with a pinch of salt in a large bowl. Rub in the butter until you have a soft breadcrumb texture. Add enough cold water to make the crumb mixture come together to form a firm dough, and then rest it in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Roll out the pastry on a light floured surface and line a 22cm/8½ in well-buttered flan dish. Don't cut off the edges of the pastry yet. Chill again.

Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5.

Remove the pastry case from the fridge and line the base of the pastry with baking parchment and then fill it with baking beans. Place on a baking tray and bake blind for 20 minutes. Remove the beans and parchment and return to the oven for another five minutes to cook the base

Reduce the temperature of the oven to 160C/140C Fan/Gas 3.

Sprinkle the cheese into the pastry base and add the sliced tomatoes if you are using them. Fry the bacon pieces until crisp and sprinkle over them over the top.

Combine the eggs with the milk and cream in a bowl and season well. Pour over the bacon and cheese. Sprinkle the thyme over the top and trim the edges of the pastry.

Bake for 30-40 minutes, or until set. Allow to cool and set further.

Trim the pastry edges to get a perfect edge and then serve in wedges.



QUICHE LORRAINE

PREPARATION TIME: 30 mins - 1hr COOKING TIME: 30 mins - 1hr SERVES: Serves 6

Each serving provides 698 kcal, 27g protein, 25g carbohydrates (of which 3g sugars), 54g fat (of which 30g saturates), 2g fibre and 2.2g salt.

INGREDIENTS

For the pastry

175g/6oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting 75g/2¾oz butter, plus extra for greasing salt

For the filling

250g/9oz cheddar, grated 4 tomatoes, sliced (optional) 200g/7oz streaky bacon, chopped 5 free-range eggs, beaten 100ml/3½fl oz milk 200ml/7fl oz double cream 2 sprigs fresh thyme freshly ground black pepper