Cheesy Polenta Pie

Ingredients

Filling

½ pound lean ground beef (15% fat)

½ medium onion, chopped (about ½ cup)

1 can (15.5 ounces) kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes with juice

1 ½ cups corn, any type

1 Tablespoon chili powder

½ teaspoon cumin powder

1 teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon oregano

½ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Topping

1 cup yellow cornmeal

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon **sugar**

1 teaspoon chili powder

2½ cups water

1 cup grated **cheddar cheese**

Directions

- **1.** Brown meat and onion in a large skillet over mediumhigh heat (350 degrees F in an electric skillet). Drain fat (see **Notes**).
- 2. Add the rest of the filling ingredients.



- **3.** Reduce heat to low (250 degrees F in an electric skillet) and cover the pan.
- **4.** As the filling heats, mix cornmeal, salt, sugar and 1 teaspoon chili powder with water in a small saucepan.
- **5.** Cook over medium heat, stirring until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cheese.
- 6. Spread topping over the filling.
- **7.** Cover and cook over low heat, with lid slightly ajar, until topping is set, about 10 minutes.
- 8. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Notes

- Pour fat from cooked meat into a metal container. Let it cool, then dispose of it into a garbage can.
- Substitute 1 to 2 Tablespoons taco seasoning mix for the last 6 ingredients in the filling.





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