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• **Yields:** 6 Servings



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1 piecrust (9-inch), baked

1/2 to 1 cup filling (see below)

6 EGGS

1 cup milk (half-and-half or heavy whipping cream)

1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves OR other herb;

1/2 tsp. salt

Directions

- 1. **HEAT** oven to 375°F. **SPREAD** cheese evenly in bottom of piecrust. **TOP** with filling in an even layer.
- 2. **BEAT** eggs, milk, salt and herbs in medium bowl until blended. Carefully **POUR** over filling in piecrust.
- BAKE in center of 375°F oven until center is almost set but jiggles slightly when dish is gently shaken and knife inserted near center comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes.
 LET STAND 5 minutes. CUT into wedges.

Nutritional Information

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If using frozen piecrust choose the deep-dish size. Always bake your pie shell first to avoid a soggy crust.

For a non-traditional "crust", mix cooked rice, orzo, spinach or hash browns with a beaten egg and press it into a greased quiche dish or pie plate.

Individual egg and cheese quiche can be baked in pastry tart shells, muffin tins or hollowed out vegetables.

Make fillings from your favorite foods or from leftovers. Use a combination of cheese, meat, seafood or poultry and vegetables. Filling ingredients should be cooked, not raw. Pieces should be cut fairly small and drained well.

Some classic filling combinations are Cheddar cheese and ham or sautéed onion, bacon and Swiss Gruyere cheese.

No water bath needed. The pie crust protects the custard filling from direct oven heat, so a water bath is not necessary.

How to tell if the egg and cheese quiche is done. Baked custards should be removed from the oven before the center is completely set. The center will jiggle slightly when cup or dish is gently shaken. Custard will continue to "cook" after it's removed and center will firm up quickly. Overbaked custard may curdle. The knife test: Test for doneness with a thin-bladed knife. Insert knife about 1 inch from the center of a one-dish custard; midway between center and edge of cups. If knife is clean when pulled out, the custard is done. If any custard clings to the blade, bake a few minutes longer and test again. Cheese fillings: Quiche fillings containing cheese may continue to test "wet" even after they are done. Tap or gently shake the dish; remove quiche from oven when the center is almost set but still jiggles a bit.

For a richer custard, substitute half-and-half for the milk.

Need a party appetizer? Bake quiche in a square or rectangular pan; cut into small squares or triangles. Or bake in mini muffin cups.

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