

# Apple Berry Pie



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#### **Ingredients**

<u>Crust</u>

- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup packed brown sugar
- ¾ cup quick cooking oats (old fashioned oats can also be used)
- 1 tsp. Pumpkin pie spice
- ¾ cup butter melted (margarine can also be used)

### <u>Filling</u>

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp Pumpkin pie spice
- 1 ¼ cups no sugar added apple juice (You can use 100% apple juice)
- 4 tbsp. Cornstarch
- 6 cups tart apples(approx. 6 med sized apples) peeled and sliced or diced, I used Granny Smith Apples
- ¾ cup dried berry blend
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

### Directions

Crust

- 1. Combine first five ingredients until well combined.
- 2. Set aside one cup of the mixture for the topping.
- 3. Press remaining mixture into an ungreased 9 inch pie plate and set aside while making the filling.

### Filling

1. To make the filling combine first four ingredients (sugar, pumpkin pie spice, juice and cornstarch) in a saucepan and mix until cornstarch is dissolved.

- 2. Bring mixture to a boil stirring constantly, then reduce the heat and cook and stir until thickened, about one minute.
- 3. Remove from heat and add apples, berry blend and vanilla extract.
- 4. Pour into prepared crust and top with reserved crumb mixture.
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes or until filling is bubbling and crust is nicely browned.
- 6. Allow to cool and serve plain or with whipped topping or ice cream and enjoy.