Junie's Lemon Chiffon Pie (with my Guava variation)

Original Lemon Version

- 1 baked and cooled pie shell
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup water
- 4 eggs, separated
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 ½ cups heavy cream

Process:

- 1. Make your favorite pie crust, blind-bake it and set it aside to completely cool.
- 2. In the upper vessel of a double-boiler, NOT over heat, soften 1 envelope of unflavored gelatin and ½ cup granulated sugar in ¼ cup water. This should take about 5 minutes.
- 3. In a separate bowl slightly beat 4 egg yolks.
- 4. Whisk the egg yolks, ½ teaspoon salt and ½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice into the gelatin mixture and cook in the double boiler for about 5 minutes, stirring the whole time. The mixture is finished when it coats a metal spoon.
- 5. Put the upper vessel of the double boiler into an ice bath and stir in the lemon rind.
- 6. Chill, stirring often, until it is thick as a raw egg white.
- 7. Whip the 4 egg whites with ½ cup sugar until stiff peaks are formed. Set aside.
- 8. Whip 1 ½ cups heavy cream until stiff.
- 9. Fold the whipped egg whites into the lemon mixture then fold in the whipped cream.
- 10. Pour into the cool pie crust and refrigerate.

This pie is at its best after being refrigerated for at least 4 hours.

Guava Variation

1 baked and cooled pie shell
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
½ cup + 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
¼ cup water
4 eggs, separated
½ teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups frozen guava juice concentrate (thawed)
1 ½ cups heavy cream

Process:

- 1. Make your favorite pie crust, blind-bake it and set it aside to completely cool.
- 2. In the upper vessel of a double-boiler, NOT over heat, soften 1 envelope of unflavored gelatin and 3 tablespoons granulated sugar in ¼ cup water. This should take about 5 minutes.
- 3. In a separate bowl slightly beat 4 egg yolks.
- 4. Whisk the egg yolks, ½ teaspoon salt into the gelatin mixture and cook in the double boiler for about 5 minutes, stirring the whole time. The mixture is finished when it coats a metal spoon.
- 5. Put the upper vessel of the double boiler into an ice bath and stir in the guava juice concentrate.
- 6. Chill, stirring often, until it is thick as a raw egg white.
- 7. Whip the 4 egg whites with ½ cup sugar until stiff peaks are formed. Set aside.
- 8. Whip 1 ½ cups heavy cream until stiff.
- 9. Fold the whipped egg whites into the lemon mixture then fold in the whipped cream.
- 10. Pour into the cool pie crust and refrigerate.

Optional: This pie is a light salmon color, which might freak some people out. You can add a couple of drops of red food dye at step 5 if you really need to. Personally, I'm ok with the color.

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