Rose-Ann's Apple-Cheddar Pie

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Ingredients:

for the pastry:

2/3 cup vegetable shortening2 cups pastry flour1 teaspoon salt1 cup shredded Cheddar cheeseice-cold water as needed

for the filling:

6 cups apples, sliced 1/2 cup granulated sugar 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed 2 tablespoons flour, plus a bit more if the apples are very juicy 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 1/2 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

Cut the shortening, flour, and salt together with a pastry blender until they form nice crumbs. Add the cheese, then add cold water a bit at a time until the dough cleans the bowl. Roll the dough into two 9-inch crusts, and place the first crust in a pie pan.

Combine the filling ingredients, and place them in the pie pan. Cover with the other crust, and pierce air holes in the top. (Rose-Ann likes to draw a little apple on top, but that's beyond my skill.) Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour, until the apples are tender and bubbling out through the air holes. Serves 6 to 8.