

Ingredients

1/3 cup sugar 1/4 cup cornstarch 1/4 tsp. salt 4 cups cherries ,pitted (we love to use a combination of sweet Black Bing cherries & semi-sour Jubileum cherries)

1 1/2cups water Zest and juice of 1 lemon 4-5 drops red food coloring (optional)

HOMEMADE CHERRY PIE FILLING

Instructions

 In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine sugar, cornstarch and salt.
Stir in water, cherries, lemon juice & lemon zest. Bring mixture to a boil.
Cook for 2-3 minutes, until thickened, stirring constantly.
Remove from heat and stir in food coloring (if desired).
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5. Transfer to canning jars to store for later use, or pour into a pie crust for a delicious, fresh cherry pie!

NOTE: If making for later use, this recipe needs to be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator (for up to 2 weeks).