

Making a Pie Lattice Published: January 5, 2022, by Ivan

We will make a lattice or a weave as practice for a lattice top crust. Use two types of colored paper, string, or ribbons. The colors will help identify a missed weave. Use a plate or a sheet of paper with an outlined circle. The circle will represent the pie pan. Cut each piece of paper into five equal one-inch width strips. That's ten strips altogether, five are brown, and five are white.

INSTRUCTIONS

Place the longest brown strip laterally across the middle of the pie. Place the other brown strips above and below the first brown strip with a 1/2 inch gap or more in between each strip. The gaps will expose the filling. Use tape in the middle of the brown strips to hold the five strips in place.

Number the strips with the same number at each end of each strip. Number one strip is at the top, and five is at the bottom. Number three should be the widest center strip. This is the first layer of the lattice.

Fold every other strip (1,3,5,) on the left to the right. The fold is at the center of the pie. Use a long white strip. The sixth strip and place it perpendicularly down the center of the pie. Use a piece of tape to hold the white strip in place. Now fold the strips (1,3,5,) that are to the right, then back over the new white perpendicular strip. This completes the first weave.

Pick an imaginary line 1/2 inch or so to the left of the white perpendicular strip. Now fold the strips (2,4) on the left to the right over that imaginary line. Place another white shorter perpendicular strip over that imaginary line. Fold the strips (2,4) back to the left, and over the new white perpendicular strip. This completes the second weave.

Find another imaginary line a half-inch or so to the left of the last white strip. Now fold the strips (1,3,5,) on the left to the right over that imaginary line. Place a shorter white strip on that imaginary line. Fold strips (1,3,5,) back over to the left. The left side of the pie should be complete.

Take a look at the left side of the pie. There should be an over and under weave design to the left side of the pie. Any folded strips always come from under another adjacent perpendicular strip. If there isn't, then now is the time to adjust. The dough is warming.

Move to the right side of the pie. Find an imaginary line 1/2 inch or so to the right of the center perpendicular long white strip. That center perpendicular long white strip was the first perpendicular strip that we laid down. Fold the strips (2,4) on right and fold them to the left. Place a short white strip on that imaginary line. Fold strips (2,4) over the new white strip. We just completed another weave.

Find an imaginary line 1/2 inch or so to the right of the last white strip. Fold strips (1,3,5,) on right to the left, then over that imaginary line. Place another white strip over that imaginary line. Return strips (1,3,5) to the right and over the white perpendicular strip. The lattice should be complete.

The colored paper will expose any missed weaves. Sometimes finding a missed weave with dough is difficult since the entire weave is one color. You can fix a missed weave at the edges. But sometimes, a missed weave is better left alone, so the strips look un-broken.

I hope this helps you with your next lattice crust.

Thanks for stopping by. I hope you enjoy baking with a lattice. Remember to share your recipes,

Until next time. Adios. Ivan out!