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## **Momma's Chocolate Pie**

### **Mix**

**½ c self-rising flour**

**1 1/3 c sugar**

**6 Tbsp Cocoa**

### **Beat:**

**3 c milk**

**Add dry ingredients**

**Cook until thick**

**Add small amount of cooked mixture to 3 egg yolks.**

**Stir egg mixture to remaining cooked mixture.**

**Add 1 ½ tsp vanilla**

**4 Tbsp Butter**

**Cook 1-2 minutes**

**Pour into cooked pie shells**

**Top with meringue.**

**Meringue****3 egg whites****¼ tsp cream of tartar****1/3 c sugar****½ tsp vanilla**

My mother is a very good cook, although she does not cook often. With no family at home anymore there is not a need for her to cook, but that all changes at Thanksgiving every year. She prepares a family feast of amazing food, her dumplings are melt in your mouth good, but nothing beats her Chocolate Pie! She is known in the family for her amazing pies. For as long as I can remember there has always been multiple Chocolate Pies lining our dessert table on Thanksgiving every year.

Mom got her recipe from a family member long ago. Her first attempt did not yield great results unless you eat your pie with a straw. She started out baking this treat for Thanksgiving and Christmas every year, but eventually saved all the deliciousness for Thanksgiving only. Mom said, “I started making the pies at first because I wanted chocolate pie, but everyone loved them so much it became a tradition. I decided to save them for one time a year so that they would be special. Since Christmas was so hectic with three kids, Thanksgiving was the lucky recipient. Even today after all my kids are grown I still love making the pies every year. Something about it reminds me of them, and the specialness the pies held to my family.”

This recipe is not just for a chocolate pie. It represents a lifetime of family Thanksgiving meals shared in one family. A simple pie recipe yields many memories in my family of years passed, as well as hopes and thoughts of years to come. I have tried many times to replicate my mother’s chocolate pie skills without success. Nobody can make this pie like Momma can!

### The Color Game

This game is played in a swimming pool and it requires two people. While standing in water shallow enough to stand up in and keep your head above water and your balance, person 1 should take person 2 in their arms, holding them under their shoulders and knees. Person 1 must think of a color in their head and give the okay to person 2, who then begins guessing the color person 1 has thought of. After every wrong guess, person 1 must dunk person 2's head under the water, and this continues until person 2 guesses the correct color. Upon person 2 guessing the correct color, person 1 then flips person 2 completely backwards into the water and the game is over.

The color game can be found in many swimming pools across the US. Summer camps, city pools, YMCA's, etc. have all played host to the color game at some point in their existence. Children play this game for hours upon hours, especially when there is an adult around. This simple pool game is a link between children and adults when swimming together. It gives adults an activity to connect with the kids, and kids love any attention that an adult will give them.

I began playing this game as a child. Growing up in Florida, I spent many hours in the pool with my sister. We made up games to entertain ourselves while swimming, but we learned the color game at a friend's pool party. As I have grown up I have observed generation after generation of children playing this old familiar game every summer in their swimming pools and it has not changed a bit.

This game is a representation of children's culture. It serves as a time filler for bored children in the pool as well as a link between children and adults. It has been passed from pool

to pool for twenty-five years now without any changes that I can remember. It is classic fun for people of all ages that hopefully will continue for another twenty-five years.