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What you will need....

The filling:

2lb braising steak, diced
plain flour, salt & pepper
1tbsp vegetable oil
2 onions, fine diced
1tbsp chopped fresh parsley
1tbsp chopped fresh thyme
salt and freshly ground black
pepper
1 pint cold beef stock

The pastry:

8oz ready-rolled shortcrust pastry 8oz puff pastry 1 free-range egg, beaten





Lets go.... Dust the cubed steak with the seasoned flour...

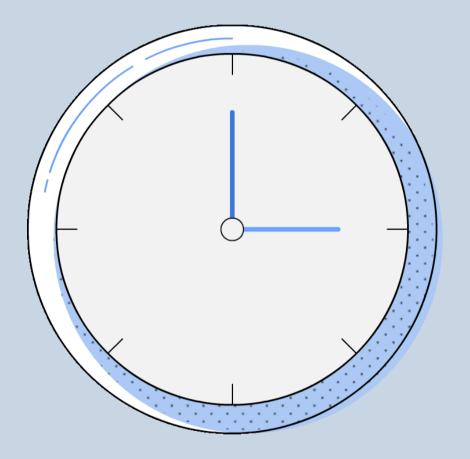


Heat the oil in a large heavy-bottomed pan and fry the meat.

...stirring frequently, until browned on all sides.







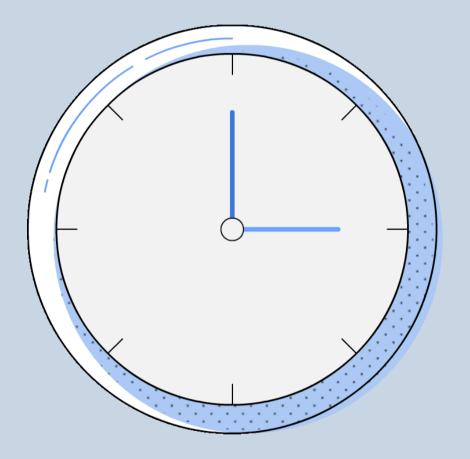


Add the onions, herbs, salt and freshly ground black pepper and the stock and bring to the boil.



Reduce the heat and simmer gently for an hour and a half approximately...







Test a piece of the beef by pinching it..

(it needs to be soft)

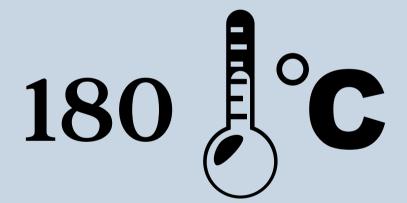




Separate the meat from the gravy to cool



Pre-heat oven.





Roll out the short crust pastry to 5 mm approx





Line the dish with the pastry. Dampen the pastry rim by brushing with beaten egg.



Roll out and cut a piece of puff pastry to fit across the top of the dish







You will notice that the cases are in cling film this is only because I get them ready before the meat is cooked and I don't want them to dry out.



Fill the dish with beef mix and place puff pastry on top of the dish, pressing the edges together to seal.



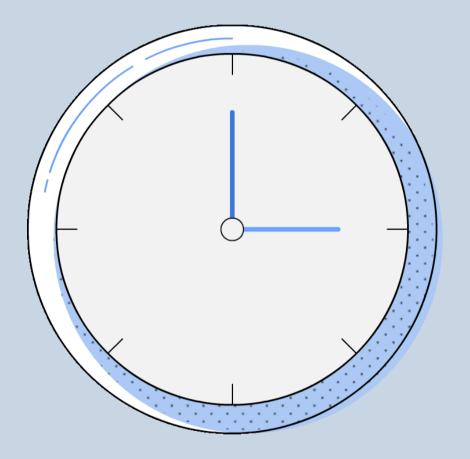
Brush the top with egg... Make a steam hole or a couple of slashes with a knife in the centre of the pie





Transfer to the oven and cook for 1-1½ hours. If the pastry gets too brown, cover it with foil.









Serve hot and enjoy!



Some pies from this week in our restaurant...

(You can do 'tray bake', 'round' or 'rectangle'... make how you wish)





Go on, give it a go!

