

Tip: Great Frozen Pot Pie – Quickly

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The directions for Marie Callender's chicken pot pie say to cook for 5 to 6½ minutes in a microwave oven, or (after wrapping the edges in foil) 50 minutes in a 400°F oven. Microwaved pastry is disgusting, and 50 minutes, plus wrapping, is way too long for one or two pies. Here is a better way, using microwave and toaster ovens:

1. Remove the top of the carton. If convenient, remove the pie and put it on a microwave-safe plate, as it may boil over. Cook on high in the microwave oven for 4½ minutes. (Ours draws 1800W and delivers 1100W; your mileage may vary.)
2. Preheat the toaster oven by running a toast cycle. Cover the tray for the toaster oven with foil, as the pie may boil over. Remove the pie from the carton or plate and bake in its cup in the toaster oven for 10 minutes at 390° or until the crust looks right. The edges won't burn in that time, so there is no need for foil.

Start microwaving a second pie, if you want one, once the first is in the toaster.