

Cleo Coyle's Mini Taco Cups

Muffin Pan Quiches

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The technique for these cups is very versatile, and you can adapt it to any kind of mini quiche. For instance: Replace the taco filling with crumbled bacon and Gruyère. Or go vegetarian with sautéed mushrooms and onions and a bit of shredded Swiss. Try diced chicken and sharp cheddar; chunks of ham and green pepper with Monterey Jack. The only limit is your imagination—and the leftovers in your fridge. ~ Cleo

Makes 6 Mini Taco Cups or Muffin Pan Quiches

You will need:

- 1 six-cup muffin pan
- 6 paper cupcake liners

Ingredients:

- 2 soft flour tortillas, about 8-inches in diameter
(e.g. Mission brand "medium taco" size), cut into quarters >>
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup low fat milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Pinch of ground pepper (I use white pepper)
- 1/2 cup filling (taco filling or see more veggie and meat filling ideas at the end of this recipe)
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese (cheddar or see more ideas at end)
- Additional garnishes/toppings (salsa, guacamole, sour cream, etc.)



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Step 1: Prep oven and tortilla crusts - Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut each tortilla into quarters. Place paper cupcake liners into each of the 6 muffin cups. Tuck each tortilla quarter into each cup.

Step 2: Fill cups - Divide your taco filling (or the meat or veggie filling of your choice) into each of the six muffin cups. On top of each cup, place a bit of shredded cheese.

Step 3: Finish with egg-milk mixture - Whisk together eggs, milk, salt, pepper. Divide this liquid evenly among the muffin cups. *(During baking, this mixture will rise and inflate like a popover so the liquid should fill only about half of each cup.)*

Step 4 - Bake in your 350° F. preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove and garnish with your favorite toppings, such as: sour cream; salsa; guacamole.

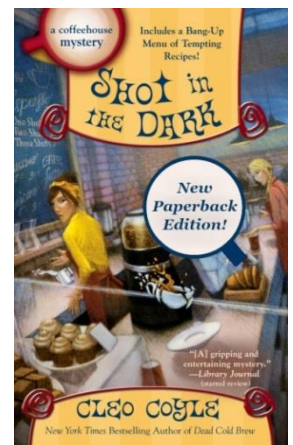
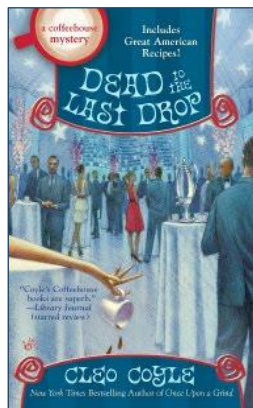
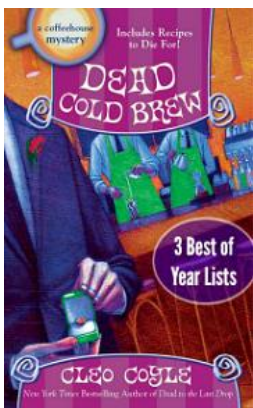
Alternate filling Ideas:

Meat: Traditional taco fillings (ground meat, chicken, or shredded pork); crumbled bacon; chopped sausage; cubed ham; pepperoni; shredded smoked salmon.

Veggie: Sautéed onions and mushrooms; sautéed spinach and garlic; chopped steamed broccoli; sweet bell peppers sautéed in olive oil with onions.

Cheese: Swiss; cheddar; Monterey Jack; Colby; queso blanco; Gruyere; Asiago, mozzarella; provolone *(or a combo of 2 or more)*

Additional Suggestions: Mini Quiche Lorraine cup *(crumbled bacon and shredded Swiss)*; Mini Spinach Quiche cup; Mini Broccoli and cheddar cup; Mini Cheeseburger Cup; Mini Pepper and Onion Cup



Eat with joy! —Cleo

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