

## **Caesar Salad with Fresh-made Dressing and Croutons**

Makes 4 servings

## Ingredients

#### For Salad:

- 2 romaine hearts
- 1/2 large or 1 small baguette
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 tbsp olive oil

### For Dressing:

- 6 egg yolks
- 1 cup olive oil
- Paste:
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp white vinegar
- 1 cup parmesan, grated
- 1 tbsp capers
- 4 pieces of anchovies
- 4 cloves garlic
- 3 tbsp cold water
- Salt and pepper to taste

## **Directions**

### For croutons:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 F
- 2. Cut bread into 1/2 inch cubes and place on a parchment-lined baking tray.
- 3. Sprinkle with the dried oregano and drizzle with olive oil. Toss around lightly to evenly coat.
- 4. Bake for 10 minutes, or until crunchy and golden-brown.

### For dressing:

- 1. Add all paste ingredients and egg yolks to a food processor and blend well for about 20 seconds.
- 2. While blending, slowly pour in oils in a steady stream.
- 3. Season to taste and toss with lettuce

### For the Salad:

- 1. wash, dry and chop lettuce into bite size pieces
- 2. Mix with dressing, then add croutons.
- 3. Enjoy!





# Homemade Thin Crust Pizza

Makes 2 medium pizzas

## Ingredients

- Pizza dough (see recipe)
- 1 tbsp EV olive oil
- 1 ball Shredded mozzarella
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup Tomato sauce (see recipe)
- Toppings (sliced mushrooms, julienned red and green peppers, olives, etc.)
- 1 cup Regianno parmigiano cheese, grated fine
- Semolina flour or finely ground cornmeal



## Method

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 500F and place pizza stone in the oven (if using)
- 2. Dust the dough with Semolina (not fine) and roll out the dough to desired shape. Have plenty of semolina on the work surface so it does not stick
- 3. Sprinkle pizza sheet or baking sheet with semolina to prevent sticking. Place dough on sheet and stretch out to desired thickness
- 4. Drizzle the dough lightly with olive oil and prick the dough all over with a fork
- 5. Using a spoon sparsely coat the dough with the tomato sauce. Too much and the crust will be soggy
- 6. Place in oven and cook for about 5 minutes. Remove to add cheese and toppings
- 7. Sprinkle with grated mozzarella and add toppings
- 8. Dust toppings with finely grated parmesan cheese
- 9. Using a pizza paddle place the pizza on the pizza stone and cook until crust is golden brown (5 minutes).
- 10. Remove from oven, lightly top with additional parmigiano cheese, slice and serve.

## N.B. If you do not have a pizza stone and paddle use a pizza pan or a large tray to cook the pizza on



## **Raw Pizza Sauce**

## Ingredients

- 1 can San Marzano tomatoes drained (good quality Italian tomatoes preferred)
- 1/2 tbsp Olive oil
- ½ tbsp dry oregano
- 2 cloves garlic minced

## Method

Combine all of the ingredients in a food processor and pulse 3 or 4 times so that the sauce remains a bit chunky

## **Pizza Dough**

### Ingredients

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup warm water
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp dry active yeast (1 tbsp per cup of liquid)
- 2 tbsp olive oil

### Method

- 1. Fill a mixing bowl with hot water and let sit for 5 minutes.
- 2. Empty the mixing bowl then add the 1 cup of warm water, honey and salt and dissolve (if the bowl is cold it will lower the temp and prevent the yeast from activating).
- 3. Add yeast and wait for the foam raft to form (about 10 minutes).
- 4. Add flour to food processor or mixer, turn it on and add activated yeast mixture. Mix with the dough hook for 4 to 5 minutes until a firm dough is formed that isn't sticky.
- 5. Place the dough in a bowl and brush with oil. Cover with plastic wrap and let it rest in the fridge for at least 30 minutes or overnight. It should almost double in size.