At Home Italian Hero Bread

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Fill your home with the irresistible aroma of freshly baked bread with this recipe, featuring a crispy crust and soft interior that is perfect for sandwiches.

Yield: 3 loaves Prep Time: 27 hours Bake Time: 45 minutes

Ingredients:

- 650g water
- 20g honey
- 10g Caputo Lievito Dry Yeast
- 1kg Caputo "00" Chef's Flour
- 20g salt
- 20g Olitalia TuttOlio



Instructions:

- 1. In a bowl, add the water, honey, and Caputo Lievito Dry Yeast and stir until everything is dissolved.
- 2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook attachment, add the water mixture and Caputo "00" Chef's Flour and mix for 6 minutes on speed 2.
- 3. Add the salt and mix for 3 minutes on speed 2.
- 4. Next, add the Olitalia TuttOlio and mix for 5 minutes on speed 2.
- 5. Remove the dough from the mixer and shape it into a ball.
- 6. Coat a large mixing bowl with Olitalia TuttOlio, then place the dough ball inside and cover with plastic wrap. Let it sit for 1 hour at room temperature.
- 7. After 1 hour, use your fist to punch down the dough to release the gases, then fold each corner into the center. Recover with plastic and let it sit for another hour.
- 8. After the dough has rested, remove it from the bowl and divide and scale the dough into 550g portions. Ball the dough, then add the dough balls to a container covered with oil. Cover and place in the refrigerator for 24 hours.
- 9. Remove the dough from the fridge and let it rest at room temperature for 1 hour.
- 10. Preheat your oven to 475F.
- 11. Shape the dough balls into baguettes/heroes. Place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper and coated with Caputo Semola. Cover them with a damp rag and let them proof at room temperature until they have doubled in size.

- 12. Once the dough has doubled in size, you can score the tops using a bread knife or lame. Place them in the oven on the top rack and bake for 30-45 minutes, or until golden brown and hollow in the middle.
- 13. Place the bread on a cooling rack and allow it to cool for 30 minutes before slicing into it.