



Pizza margherita napoletana (Neapolitan-style margherita pizza)

Recipe by V-ZUG Ltd.



Preparation	1 Hrs
Resting time	1 day2 Hrs 15 Mins
Cooking time	4 Mins
Portions	4
Appliance	Combair V6000 45P from 2021

Everyone's favourite from Naples – that is to say tomatoes, mozzarella and basil atop an elastic dough with an airy crust, or cornicione. The margherita is an undisputed classic.

Starter (poolish)

- 200 ml water
- 1 tsp runny honey
- 5 g yeast, crumbled
- 200 g Manitoba flour (type 0)

Main dough

- 225 ml cold water
- 500 g Manitoba flour (type 0)
- 20 g fleur de sel
- 50 ml cold water

Pizza sauce

- 400 g (plum) tomatoes (tinned)
- 1 tsp fleur de sel
- 1 tsp olive oil





6 leaves basil, torn

Shaping and topping

Some Manitoba flour, for shaping

250 g fior di latte mozzarella, cut into cubes

50 g Parmesan

Some olive oil

Some basil leaves

Starter (poolish)

Put the water, honey and yeast into a sealable container and stir together well. Add the flour and stir to a sticky dough. Cover the dough and leave to rest at room temperature for about 1 hour, then leave to rest in the refrigerator for between 18 and 24 hours.

Main dough

Put the water and starter in the bowl of the food processor and mix well. Add the flour and, using the dough hook, knead on a slow speed for about 5 minutes until a sticky dough forms. Add the salt and continue kneading on a medium speed. Gradually pour in the remaining water and knead for about 5 minutes until the dough is smooth and pulls away from the side of the bowl easily. Place the dough on the work surface, shape into a ball, brush with a little olive oil, then cover and leave to rest for about 15 minutes.

Shaping and folding

Using a dough scraper, gently ease the dough from the work surface. With lightly oiled hands, pick up the dough in the middle and pull up so that it completely comes away from the work surface. Slap the dough back down onto the work surface while turning the dough over slightly in one smooth motion so that the two ends overlap slightly. Repeat this process until a compact ball of dough forms. Each time the dough is picked up, the ends become shorter and the dough more compact. Place the ball of dough in a lightly oiled bowl, cover and leave to rest for about 1 hour.

Portioning

Place the dough on the work surface. Lightly brush the top of the dough with oil and divide into four portions. Shape these into compact balls, making sure the oiled top side faces upwards and the bottom stays closed. Place the balls, top-side up, on a baking tray or in a proofing box. Lightly brush the top of the portions of dough with oil again, cover and leave to rest at room temperature for about 1 hour.

Pizza sauce

Put the tomatoes, salt, oil and basil in a bowl. Crush the tomatoes by hand, leaving some small pieces of tomato.





Shaping

Put the pizza steel into the cold cooking space and preheat to 350 °C using the Professional pizza mode. Put some flour in a deep plate. Gently remove the first portion of dough with a dough scraper, coat in flour, place on the work surface and, using your fingers, press from the centre outwards to form an outer crust. Turn the dough over, work it again from the centre outwards. Place one hand in the centre of the dough and use the other to carefully stretch it outwards, turning the dough slightly each time, to get the desired size (about ø30 cm).

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(Pre-)heat cooking space to 350 °C with Professional pizza

Topping and baking

Spread a ¼ of the pizza sauce over the dough, scatter over a ¼ of the mozzarella, grate over some Parmesan and drizzle over some olive oil. Carefully but quickly slide the pizza with its toppings onto the pizza peel, transfer straight onto the preheated pizza steel in the cooking space and bake for about 4 minutes until crispy. Drizzle some olive oil over the pizza to taste, grate over some Parmesan and scatter over a few basil leaves.

Put the pastry in

Professional pizza 350 °C for 4 Mins

Tips

Key is to prepare and bake only one pizza at a time or else the dough will become too soft and the topping will make it too moist. It will also be difficult to slide onto the pizza peel.

If the dough is too sticky, sprinkle some flour, durum wheat semolina or semolina on the work surface before shaping.

Manitoba flour (type 0) is available from larger supermarkets and Italian delicatessens. Its high protein content makes it particularly suitable for making pizza dough. Pizza flour can also be used in place of Manitoba flour.

The PizzaPlus function can be used instead of Professional pizza. It bakes at temperatures of 280 °C and as high as 300 °C with pyrolytic ovens. The baking time is extended by 1 to 2 minutes.

Accessories

Pizza steel

Pizza peel

