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THE WORLD'S FINEST RANGE COOKERS

Basic Bread Recipe by David Pengelly

This recipe will make 16 bread rolls, two 450g loaves or one 900g loaf.

Ingredients

700g (1 ½ lb.) strong plain flour 2 Tsp. salt 1 Sachet (7g) Dried yeast 25g (1 oz.) Butter or 1 Tbsp. olive oil 450ml water

Method

- Place the flour and salt into a mixing bowl, rub in the butter (or stir in the oil) then add the yeast and stir well.
- Carefully add the liquid to form a soft dough (you may not need it all).
- Knead well for 5-8 minutes then cover the dough with a plastic bag and prove for 45 minutes to an hour until doubled in size.
- Knead again and shape in to rolls or loaves.
- Place the rolls or loaves onto a baking tray, dust with flour or a seed topping, cover with a plastic bag and allow to rise to approximately double original size, this can take around 30 minutes.

AGA (2, 3 and 4 oven): **for loaves** put the grid shelf on the floor of the roasting oven then your tin on the grid shelf and bake for 25-30 minutes until crusty and gives a hollow sound when you tap on the base. **For rolls**: bake on 2nd/3rd set of runners in the roasting oven for about 25 minutes until crusty.

Everhot: **for loaves** set the oven shelf to its lowest position and bake on the shelf with the oven set to around 235°C for approximately 25-30 minutes until crusty and gives a hollow sound when you tap on the base. **For rolls**: bake on 2nd/3rd shelf up at 235°C for about 25-30 minutes until crusty.

Variations

Use any flour of your choice.

Olive and tomato bread: add 85g each of pitted black sliced olives and halved sun dried tomatoes.

Herb bread: add three tablespoons of chopped fresh herbs.

Cheese and onion bread: add 1 chopped onion sautéed in butter, 150g grated cheese and 1 teaspoon of mustard powder.