GARDEN STABLE GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

CHEESY SNAIL BREAD

Season: Year round

From the garden: Seasonal vegetables, herbs, spinach, tomatoes

Type: Main/Lunchbox

Difficulty: Medium **Serves:** 20 servings

Source: Adapted from Nadia's Comfort Kitchen

Equipment

- Large mixing bowl
- Measuring spoons
- Scales
- Teatowel
- Baking tray
- Baking paper
- Knife
- Rolling pin
- Small bowl
- Pastry brush

Ingredients for Pizza Dough

- 1 cup (250ml) warm water
- 1 Tablespoon active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- I Tablespoon olive oil
- 400g flour (either high-grade or plain flour), plus extra for dusting (2 2/3 cup in total)
- 1 teaspoon salt

Ingredients for Filling

- ½ cup chutney, relish, pesto, marmite, sweet chilli sauce, or tomato puree
- I cup seasonal vegetables of your choice, e.g. cherry tomatoes (with seeds squeezed out), chopped spinach, cooked pumpkin, frozen, canned or fresh corn kernels
- 1 ½ cups grated cheese
- 1 egg, whisked, or 2 tablespoons milk, for brushing

How to make the Pizza Dough

- 1. Put the water in a mixing bowl. Sprinkle over the yeast and sugar and gently stir. Leave the mixture in a warm place for about 10 minutes until the yeast has dissolved and the mixture is frothy.
- 2. Pour in the olive oil.
- 3. Mix in the flour and salt. Mix with your hands to form a dough. Add a little more flour if it seems too sticky. Knead the dough on a lightly surface until smooth and elastic (about 10 minutes).
- 4. Place the dough back in the bowl and cover with a teatowel. Leave in a warm place to prove for 40 minutes to an hour until the dough has doubled in size.

How to make the Snail Bread

- 5. Preheat the oven to 200°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
- 6. Cut the dough into 2 pieces. Using a rolling pin, roll each piece into a rectangle about 25cm by 30 cm on a lightly floured surface.
- 7. Spread each rectangle with chutney, relish or pesto. Sprinkle over the vegetables and cheese.
- 8. Carefully roll each rectangle into a log along the long edge, stretching the edge over to seal it.

- 9. Cut each roll into 10 snail-like pieces and place on the baking tray about 2 cm apart.
- 10. Brush with beaten egg or milk.
- 11. Bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes, until puffed and golden brown.
- 12. Remove from the oven. Caution hot! Ask an adult to help you with this.
- 13. Leave to cool.

Notes:

- These freeze well so are perfect for lunchboxes. Keep in a plastic bag or container in the freezer. Defrost overnight in the fridge, ready for lunch.
- Some chutneys are high in sugar so can leak out of the scrolls and burn. Watch them carefully while they are cooking.
- The dough can be used to make mini pizzas for lunchboxes too. Roll out the dough into small discs. Top with tomato puree, chosen toppings and cheese. Bake 15-20 minutes at 220°C. These will freeze well for lunches too.

Skills:

- Mix, knead, prove*, roll, spread, brush, bake.
 - * Prove: Leaving dough to rest and rise allowing the yeast to ferment the dough and produce gases to leaven (rise) the dough.