Spelt Flat Bread

Ingredients

- 1 tsp yeast
- 1 ¼ C warm water
- 1 C spelt flour
- 2 C bread flour
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 1 ½ tbs olive oil



Instructions

- 1. Preheat a pizza stone in the oven at 450F for at least 1 hour.
- 2. Dissolve the yeast in warm water in a large bowl.
- 3. Stir the sponge 100 times in one direction to begin the gluten development.
- 4. Let the sponge rest for a minimum of 10 minutes, up to 2 hours.
- 5. Mix salt and olive oil completely into the sponge.
- 6. Add the remaining flour ½ cup at a time until the dough is too stiff to stir. (You may not use it all.)
- 7. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead for 8 to 10 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Put the dough into a lightly oiled bowl, cover, and let rise until doubled in size. Approximately 1 ½ hours, depending on room temperature.
- 8. Gently deflate dough. Divide the dough into 8 small balls. Flatten each piece with floured hands.
- 9. Roll each piece into a 6 to 8-inch diameter circle less than ¼ inch thick. Cover the flattened pieces with a towel to keep them from drying out.
- 10. Using a cookie sheet or pizza peel, slide 1 to 2 breads onto the pizza stone. Bake for approximately 5 minutes, until each bread balloons. If the pizza stone is not hot enough, the breads may not "bloom" completely.
- 11. If they bloom you have pita breads to stuff. If they don't, you'll have a flat bread to fold around a filling. Either way it tastes great!
- 12. Wrap the baked breads in a large towel to keep them warm and soft while baking the remaining breads.
- 13. Fill/wrap using an assortment of meat, cheese, chopped greens, veggies, fresh and dried fruits, and nuts. Top with your dressing/spread of choice.

Recipe modified from *Flatbreads and Flavors*, Jeffrey Alford and Naomi Duguid.