

Neapolitan Pizza with Calabrian Sausage

1 batch of pizza dough, dived in two ½ pound thinly sliced Calabrian sausage 2 cups mixed grated cheese 2 cups pizza sauce or roasted tomatoes Fresh basil Grated parmesan

- Place pizza stone on middle rack of oven; preheat to 500 degrees.
- Form each ball of dough into a 12-inch round. Transfer to a pizza peel dusted with semolina.
- Top with tomatoes, sausage and cheese. Bake until gold and crust is set.
- Transfer to pizza pans; top with basil and parmesan. Serve.

Shrimp, Scallop and Clams with Spicy Tomato Broth

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1/4 hot Italian sausage

½ small onion, diced

½ head fennel, trimmed and cored, diced

½ small green pepper, diced

1 stalk celery, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup petite diced tomatoes, with juice

2 tablespoon Italian spice mix

2 tablespoons tomato paste

2 to 3 cups fish or vegetable stock

¹/₄ pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

1/4 pound sea scallops, chopped

1/4 pound cooked and shelled mussels

Fresh parsley

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a soup pot to medium heat and add the oil. Add sauage; cook, breaking up with a spoon, until nicely browned.
- Add the onions, fennel peppers and celery; cook, stirring occasionally, until nicely softened.
- Add the garlic; cook until fragrant. Stir in the tomatoes; cook until softened.
- Stir in the spices and tomato paste; cook 1 minute more.,
- Add the stock; bring to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until flavors combine.
- Add the shrimp and scallops; simmer until just cooked through. Stir in the mussels.
- Season with parsley, salt and pepper.

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Tender Chicken and Gnocchi alla Sorento

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 chicken breast, trimmed and cubed

1 tablespoon herb mix

1 shallot, minced

2 to 3 cloves garlic, crushed

1/4 cup white wine

1 cup heavy cream

½ cup chicken stock

½ batch ricotta gnocchi, cooked and cooled

1 package fresh spinach, cooked, cooled and squeezed dry

1/4 cup grated parmesan

Fresh parsley

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a heavy saute pan to medium heat and add 1 tablespoon oil. Season chicken with herb mix; cook, turning occasionally until light golden and cooked through. Remove from pan.
- Return pan to medium heat and add the remaining oil. Cook the shallots and garlic until light golden brown.
- Add the wine; cook until reduced by half. Add the cream and stock; cook until reduced by one-third.
- Add the gnocchi and chicken; cook until heated through. Stir in the spinach and cheese.
- Season with parsley, salt and pepper.

Arugula Salad with Apples and Crispy Pancetta

2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar

½ small shallot, minced

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon anchovy paste

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 clove garlic, mashed

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 to 4 cups romaine or spring mix

1 cup shredded arugula

2 to 3 slices cooked pancetta or bacon, chopped

1 large crisp apple, julienned

1/4 small onion, thinly sliced

1/4 cup grated pecorino or ricotta salata

- In a small bowl, stir together the vinegar, shallot, mustard, anchovy, Worcestershire, garlic and mustard.
- Season with thyme, salt and pepper.
- Slowly whisk in the olive oil.
- Add lettuce, arugula, bacon, apples, onions and cheese to a mixing bowl.
- Toss with dressing (reserve remaining); adjust seasoning.

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Ricotta Gnocchi

1 pound whole milk ricotta

2 egg yolks

1 cup parmesan

1½ cup all purpose flour

Pinch of nutmeg

Sea salt and black pepper

• Mix together the ricotta, eggs and parmesan; season with nutmeg, salt and pepper. Add flour; knead just until a firm dough forms. Turn out onto a floured board; form into a ball.

• Divide dough into four pieces; roll each into ½ inch rope and cut into ½ inch pieces. Place on well-floured sheet pan until ready to cook.

Pizza Dough

1 tablespoon yeast 1-1/3 cups warm water 3-½ cups high-gluten or bread flour 1 tablespoon sugar 1 tablespoon olive oil

1-1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

- Mix yeast and water in a small bowl; let stand five minutes. Add the flour, sugar and salt to the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook. With mixer on medium-low speed, add water to flour. Mix to combine, adding more water or flour as needed to form a ball. Knead dough for 8 minutes.
- Turn out dough onto floured board and knead an additional minute by hand. Divide dough in two and form each half into a ball.
- Place each half in separate floured bowls, sprinkle with additional flour and cover loosely with plastic wrap. Set in refrigerator; let rise until doubled in size. Remove from refrigerator ½ hour before forming dough.

Homemade Focaccia

1½ cups water1 tablespoon yeast1 tablespoon sugar

3½ cups bread flour ½ tablespoon salt

1 teaspoons onion powder 1 teaspoons garlic powder

1/4 cup EVOO

½ cup grated parmesan cheese

- Mix together the water, yeast and sugar in a small bowl. Let stand 10 minutes. Add the flour, spices and oil to bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook.
- With machine running, add water to bowl. Mix until dough forms; continue kneading 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer to oil mixing bowl; cover loosely with plastic wrap. Let stand until doubled in size, about an hour.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Transfer dough to lightly oiled sheet pan with extender. Top with tomato relish; sprinkle with cheese.
- Bake until puffed and golden, about 40 mintues.