

Alphabet Grissini

Recipe source: modified from Alphabet Grissini recipe SAKGF

Fresh from the garden – parsley, chives, dried herbs – thyme, oregano, celery leaves

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Ingredients</u>
Large bowls scales, measuring jugs, cups and spoons 2 large bowls pastry brush clean tea towel 4 large baking trays baking paper 1 piece per student plastic wrap butter knives wire racks airtight container	400 g plain flour, plus extra for dusting 1 tbsp instant dry yeast ½ tsp salt, plus extra for sprinkling 1 cup lukewarm water 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for greasing ½–1 tbsp fresh seasonal herbs, finely chopped 1 handful of sesame, poppy or fennel seeds, optional

What to do

To make the dough:

Place the flour, yeast and the salt into a large bowl.

Create a well in the centre of the flour.

Pour the water and oil gently into the well.

Use your hands to incorporate the water and oil into the flour, until the dough clings together and feels springy.

Turn the dough onto a clean, dry, floured workbench and knead for at least 8 minutes, until the dough looks smooth.

Grease the inside of a large bowl with the extra olive oil, then put the dough into the oiled bowl.

Cover the bowl with a clean, dry tea towel and leave in a warm, protected spot until the dough has doubled in size, at least 1 hour.

To make the grissini letters:

Preheat the oven to 200°C.

Line the baking trays with baking paper.

Tip the risen dough onto a clean, dry, floured workbench. Add the fresh herbs to the dough and knead briefly.

Divide the dough into 20 equal pieces. Roll each piece into a rope about 30 cm long and 5 mm thick.

Shape the dough ropes into the alphabet letters of choice. Using a butter knife, cut pieces of rope as needed to make the various parts of the letter.

Sprinkle the letters with salt and, if using, seeds or spices.

Place the grissini carefully onto the baking paper on the baking trays.
Bake for 10–15 minutes until the grissini is firm to the touch.
Remove the baking trays from the oven and allow the grissini to cool a little on the trays before moving to a wire rack.
Once completely cool, serve or store in an airtight container (for up to 2 or 3 days).
Serve with Zucchini Soup or a sauce or dip of your choice ENJOY!