

Making fresh bread





Equipment

- Mixing bowl
- Glad wrap
- Baking tray
- Baking paper
- Sharp knife
- Wire rack/tray
- Measuring cup
- Measuring spoons

Ingredients

- 500g <u>strong white flour</u>, plus extra for dusting
- 2 tsp salt
- 7g sachet <u>fast-action yeast</u>
- 3 tbsp <u>olive oil</u>
- 300ml water

Method

- 1. Mix 500g strong white flour, 2 tsp salt and a 7g sachet of fast-action yeast in a large <u>bowl</u>.
- 2. Make a well in the centre, then add 3 tbsp olive oil and 300ml water, and mix well. If the dough seems a little stiff, add another 1-2 tbsp water and mix well.
- 3. Tip onto a lightly floured work surface and knead for around 10 mins.
- 4. Once the dough is satin-smooth, place it in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with glad wrap. Leave to rise for 1 hour until doubled in size.
- 5. Line a <u>baking tray</u> with baking paper. Knock back the dough (punch the air out and pull the dough in on itself) then gently mould the dough into a ball.
- 6. Place it on the baking paper to prove for a further hour until doubled in size.
- 7. Heat oven to 220 °C, if fan forced 200 °C.
- 8. Dust the loaf with some extra flour and cut a cross about 6cm long into the top of the loaf with a <u>sharp knife</u>.
- 9. Bake for 25-30 mins until golden brown and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped underneath. Cool on a <u>wire rack</u>.

