THE ART IN ARTISAN BREAD

ARTISAN (no knead) Bread

Suggested Equipment:

- Baking stone
- Five-quart plastic container
- Broiler tray/cast iron pan
- Pizza peel
- Silicone mats or parchment paper
- Serrated bread knife
- Cooling rack

- Dough scraper
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Mixers/food processors
- Pastry brush
- Scales
- Whisk
- Wooden or heavy mixing spoon

Ingredients by Weight

INGREDIENT	VOLUME	WEIGHT (U.S. ounces)
Unbleached AP Flour	1 cup	5
WW Flour (traditional or white)	1 cup	4½
Vital wheat gluted	½ cup	13/8 ounces
Yeast, granulated (such as SAF)	1 tablespoon	0.37
Salt, kosher or coarse	1 tablespoon	0.55
Veg. oil (canola, olive, etc.)	½ cup	33/4
Water	1 cup	8

Master Recipe: Boule

Makes four (1) pound loaves. Can be doubled or halved.

- 3 cups lukewarm water
- 1½ tablespoons granulated yeast (2 packets)
- 1½ tablespoons kosher or coarse salt
- 6½ cups unsifted, unbleached, all-purpose white flour, measured with the scoop-and-sweep method
- Cornmeal for pizza peel

Mixing and Storing Dough

- Warm water slightly.
 - About 100°
- Add yeast and salt to the water
- Mix in flour kneading is unnecessary.
 - Add all at once. Use scoop & sweep method.
 - Mix with spoon, processor, stand mixer
- Allow to rise
 - Lidded bucket, in for 2 hours or overnight in refrig

On Baking Day

- The gluten cloak: Dust dough with flour
 - Shape 1 pound loaf in 30 seconds
- Rest loaf on pizza peel/cookie sheet/p. paper
 - Coat peel with corn meal/oatmeal/Malt-O-Meal
 - Rest about 40 minutes
- 30 to 40 minutes before baking, preheat 450°
 - Baking stone on middle rack
 - Broiler pan/cast iron pan for water to steam

Dust and slash

- Dust top of loaf, slash with serrated knife, French lame or razor blade about ¼ inch.
- Make tic-tac-toe, pine tree, square, etc.
- Baking with steam
 - After preheat, quick forward jerking motion to slide loaf/loaves onto stone.
 - Quickly pour 1 cup water into broiler pan.
 - Bake for about 30 minutes.

- Store remaining dough in refrigerator
 - Store for several days.
 - Can be frozen in 1-pound portions, defrost overnight in refrigerator.
- Storing bread
 - If cut, store cut side down on flat surface.
- Freezing bread
 - Thaw in plastic bag
 - Place in 375° oven for 5-10 minutes.
 - May mist with water before putting in oven.

Variations: Flavors

- Herb Bread:
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves (2 tsp. fresh)
 - ½ teaspoon dried rosemary leaves (1 tsp. fresh)
 - Add to water of Boule recipe
- Other enhancements:
 - Dried fruit, nuts, cheese, chocolate chips, seeds
- Freeze heavy flours, yeasts and nuts

Light Whole Wheat Bread

- 3 cups lukewarm water
- 5 cups AP flour
- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1½ tablespoon instant yeast (as in SAF instant)
- ¾ regular or 1½ kosher or coarse salt
 - VARIATION: which can be added to dry ingredients
 - ½ cup cracked wheat
 - ¹/₂ cup craisins or dried cherries (any dried fruit)

100% Whole Wheat Bread

- 7 cups whole wheat flour
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons instant yeast (as in SAF)
- 1 tablespoon kosher/coarse salt
- ½ cup vital wheat gluten
- 3 ¾ cups lukewarm water
 - Vital Wheat Gluten is added to give dough a better rise. Mix well with flour. (Product is found in flour or organic food isles.)

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(Scandinavian comfort food)

- 3 cups lukewarm water
- 1 ½ tablespoons granulated yeast
- 1 ½ tablespoons coarse salt
- ½ cup honey
- ½ teaspoon ground anise seed
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 ½ teaspoons orange zest
- 1 cup rye flour
- 5 ½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour

Baguette (1 pound Boule dough)

- Preheat oven/stone/broiler tray to 450°
 - Dust dough, cloak, stretch into long 2 inch diameter. Rest on parchment paper. Rest 20 minutes.
- Paint w/water and slash across loaf.
- Slide baguette/paper onto hot stone. Pour 1 cup water into broiler pan.
- Bake for 20-25 minutes, remove loaf from paper, finish 10 minutes on stone.
- Cool on rack.