

Focaccia Bread Art

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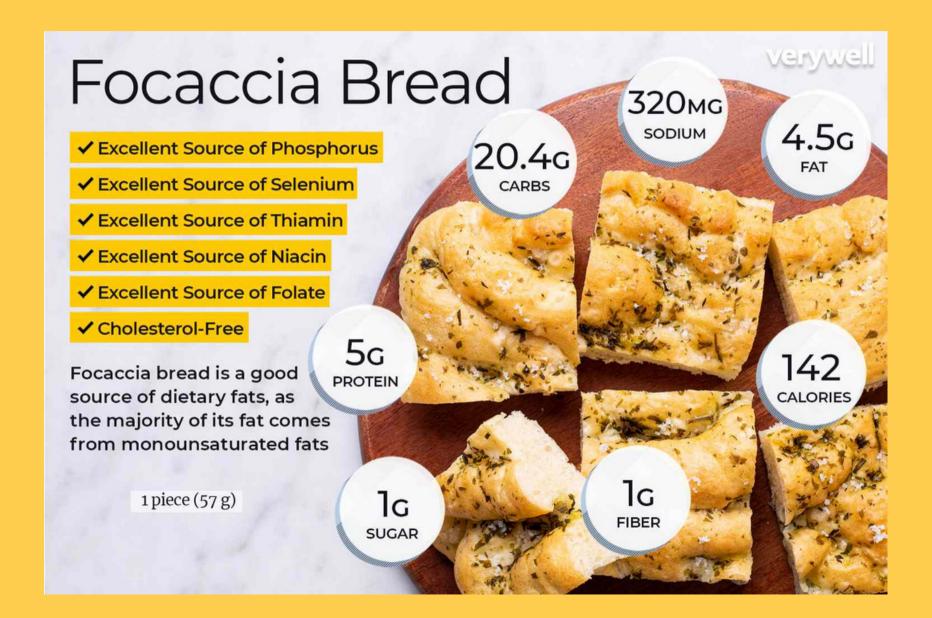


History

- Pronounced: Fu-KA-Chuh
- · Latin: 'focus' -dough baked over hot stones, fires, ashes
- Flatbread Etruscans, Greeks, Egyptians, tribes of The Levant
- · It is distinctly Italian Genovese
 - Not Pizza
 - 2000 yrs older
- Fugassa: "Bread" Capital of Liguria
 - flour, water, beer yeast and is cooked in olive oil
- Eaten at breakfast, snack, always warm, a substitute for bread
- · An authentic Mediterranean fast-food



Nutrients





Essential Ingredients

- Flour
- Warm Water
- Yeast
- Sea Salt
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- Sugar (optional)



Focaccia Recipe

Ingredients

For the dough:

- 2.5 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup warm water
- 1.5 tsp active dry yeast
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil



Instructions

Make the dough:

- In a large mixing bowl combine the warm water with the yeast and stir well.
- Add the olive oil, salt and flour and use a spatula to mix until everything is combined and a sticky dough forms. Use your hand to knead for just a minute until the dough comes together into a ball.
- Brush the top of the dough with a little olive oil then cover the bowl with a lid or a kitchen towel. Place in a draft free area and allow to rise for 2 hours or until doubled in size.
- Lightly oil a 12" cast iron skillet then dump the focaccia dough inside.
- Use your hand to spread the dough inside the skillet all the way to the sides.
- Using the tip of your fingers to press all over the top to create dimples.
- Art Design Lightly drizzle with some olive oil then add your favorite toppings: olives, heirloom tomatoes and rosemary, pepperoncini, red onion, scallions, zucchini etc.
- Finish with a sprinkling of sea salt flakes and cover with a lid. Allow the focaccia to rise again at room temperature for 30 minutes or so.

Bake the Focaccia

- Preheat your oven to 400"F
- Bake the focaccia bread uncovered for 30 to 35 minutes until the top and the sides are a light golden color.
- Transfer the pan to a cooling rack and allow to cool off completely before slicing.





Resources

- https://ciaoflorentina.com/focaccia-bread-recipe/
- https://www.recipetineats.com/focaccia-recipe/
- https://figandoliveplatter.com/how-to-make-focacciabread/

