National Children's Gardening Week

Margherita pizza with tomato, mozzarella and basil

1 hour prep and cook Serves 2-4





Grow your own ingredients!

Shopping list for your local garden centre:

Basil and tomato plants or seeds from your garden centre.

Large plant pot or container for the tomato.

50 litre bag of multi-purpose compost.

Small plant pot for the basil.

Plant food.

Ingredients:

Ready made pizza base or one portion perfect Neapolitan pizza dough

115g perfect pizza sauce/tomato passata

115g thinly sliced fresh mozzarella cheese

10 fresh basil leaves

Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling

Parmesan cheese, for grating

Method:

- 1. Set a pizza stone or a suitable alternative on a rack in the top shelf of the oven. Preheat the oven to 240°C for at least 45 minutes. Meanwhile, remove the dough ball from the fridge and let stand for 20 minutes.
- 2. Either use your ready made pizza base, or working on a floured surface and using your fingers, press and stretch the dough ball out to a 10-inch circle, working from the centre towards the edge. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured pizza paddle or suitable alternative.
- 3. Spread the pizza sauce/tomato passata onto the dough/pizza base, making sure to leave a 1-inch border around the edge, and top with the mozzarella cheese, basil leaves, chopped tomato, a drizzle of the extravirgin olive oil and a light grating of Parmesan cheese.
- 4. Slide the pizza onto the pizza stone, opening and closing the oven door as quickly as possible. Bake until the bottom is lightly charred and the toppings are bubbling, 6 8 minutes cooking time.







Visit your **local garden centre** to start growing your ingredients.