Naan Bread

Ingredients:

225g White Bread Flour
60ml Lukewarm Milk
30 - 40 ml Melted Butter for Brushing
30ml Plain Natural Yogurt
15ml Vegetable Oil
7g Dried Easy Blend Yeast
1 Egg
½ Teaspoon Salt







Bring a container to take your naan breads home in.

Method:

- 1. Pre-heat the oven to 230°C or Gas Mark 8.
- 2. Weigh and measure out all the ingredients accurately.
- **3.** Heat the milk gently in the microwave or in a small saucepan. It must be 37°C, use a food probe to check this. If the temperature is any higher it will **kill** the yeast.
- **4.** Add the heated milk and yeast to a measuring jug. Mix thoroughly and set aside for 15 minutes.
- 5. Sieve the flour and salt together into a large mixing bowl.
- **6.** Crack the egg into a small bowl and beat with a fork.
- **7.** Add the yeast mixture, oil, yogurt and beaten egg to the flour in the large mixing bowl and mix with a round bladed knife to form a soft dough.
- **8.** Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 10 minutes until smooth and elastic.
- **9.** Place the dough on a baking tray, cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise in a warm place (the grill compartment of the oven) until doubled in size.
- 10. Place another baking tray in the oven to heat.
- **11.** Once the dough has doubled in size, turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knock back (punch down). Divide into three and shape into balls.
- **12.** Cover two of the balls of dough with oiled cling film and roll out the third into a teardrop shape about 25cm long, 13cm wide with a thickness of about 5mm.
- 13. Preheat the grill to its highest setting.
- **14.** Remove the baking tray from the oven using oven gloves. Place the naan on the hot baking tray and bake for 3 to 4 minutes, or until puffed up.
- **15.** Remove the naan from the oven and place under the hot grill for a few seconds, or until the top of the naan browns slightly.
- **16.** Wrap the cooked naan in a tea towel to keep warm while rolling out and cooking the remaining naans.
- **17.** Melt the butter in a small saucepan at the front of the hob. When melted, brush onto the naans and serve warm.

Adaptations:

- To make spicy naans, add 1 teaspoon of ground coriander and 1 teaspoon of to the flour.
- To make cardamom flavoured naan, lightly crush the seeds from 4 5 green cardamom pods and add to the flour.
- To make poppy seed naans, brush the rolled out naan with a little melted butter and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Press them lightly so they stick.
- To make wholemeal naans, substitute wholemeal bread flour for some or all of the white flour.