

Naan Bread



Ingredients

- 1 x 7g sachet dried yeast
- 2 tsp golden caster sugar
- 300g strong white bread flour, plus extra for dusting
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
- 25g butter or ghee, melted, plus extra 2-3 tbsp for greasing and brushing
- 150ml natural yogurt
- 1 tbsp nigella seeds (optional)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- Fresh coriander, roughly chopped

Method

1. Put 125ml warm water into a bowl and sprinkle over the yeast and 1 tsp of the sugar. Leave for 10-15 mins or until frothy.
2. In a larger bowl put the flour, remaining sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt and baking powder. Mix together then make a well in the centre in which to pour the melted butter, yogurt and yeast mixture. Stir well, then start to bring the mixture together with your hands. If it's very wet add a spoonful of flour but if it's dry add a splash more warm water. It should be a very soft dough but not so wet that it won't come together into a ball of dough.
3. When you're happy with the consistency, start kneading, first in the bowl then transfer the mixture onto a well-floured surface and continue to knead for 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic but still soft.
4. Grease a large bowl with extra melted butter or ghee then shape the dough into a ball and place in the prepared bowl. Cover and leave in a warm place for about 1 hour or until doubled in size.
5. Divide the dough into 6 balls and put them on a baking tray dusted with flour, then cover the tray with a damp tea towel. Take one of the balls of dough and roll it out to form a teardrop shape that's approximately 21cm long and around 13cm at the widest part.
6. Heat oven to its lowest setting.
7. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over a high heat. When the pan is very hot, carefully lay the naan bread into it. Let it dry fry and puff up for about 3 mins, then turn over and cook on the other side for another 3-4 mins or until cooked through and lightly charred in patches.
8. Put the cooked naan bread on a baking sheet. Brush with a little melted butter, sprinkle with chopped garlic and fresh coriander, put it on the baking sheet and cover with foil. Keep warm in the oven and layer up the cooked naans one on top of each other as you make them, brushing each one with melted butter or ghee as you go.
9. Serve warm with curry or dips.