

Sweet Rye Bread

Great flavor

This is a bread where it is hard to eat just one slice. Moist and hearty, it makes great sandwiches. Good bread for game day.

Quantity	Ingredients
2 Cups	Rye Flour
2 1/2 Cups	Hot Water (at least 140 degrees)
3/4 Cup	Dark Molasses
1/3 Cup	Butter or Margarine
1 Tbsp	Salt
2 Pkgs	Dry Active Yeast (1/4 oz each)
6 1/2 Cups	Flour

Preparation Notes

- Heat water and butter to 140 degrees
- Put yeast, salt, half of the flour and all of the rye flour in a mixing bowl.
- Add the water mixture to the dry mixture and begin mixing with dough hooks or a spoon until all ingredients are blended together.
- Gradually add the remaining flour and continue mixing. Dough will become stiff.
- Knead with dough hooks until a ball forms and exterior is a bit shiny. Add a little more flour if dough is too wet and won't form a ball. If kneading by hand look for the same indicators.
- Place in a greased bowl, turn dough once so that all sides are greased. Cover bowl with a hot damp towel and allow to raise until double. Usually between 30 and 60 minutes.
- Punch down and turn onto floured board or surface.
- Knead dough for a few minutes by hand.
- Divide dough into 3 6 equal parts depending on the size of loaves you wish to make.
- Shape into circular mounds and place on a greased cookie sheet allowing room for these to double in size.
- Repeat for each loaf.
- Allow to rise until double.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Bake for 40 50 minutes.
- Turn onto racks and allow to cool.
- This bread may be frozen.