



BAGELS

Another of our highly requested recipes during our Sourdough Challenge was bagels! Check it out here:

INGREDIENTS

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Bagels	
Sunfield Plain Flour	0.640kg
Water	0.310kg
White Sugar	0.040kg
Salt	0.005kg
Vegetable Oil	0.028kg
Dry Yeast	0.014kg
Water (for boiling)	4.000kg
Honey (optional)	0.250kg
Toppings (optional)	
Poppy Seeds	0.024kg
Sesame Seeds	0.024kg
Dried Onion Flakes	0.024kg
Coarse Salt	0.012kg

PRODUCTS

85568 Sunfield Plain Flour 12.5kg; 16866 Sunfield Plain Flour 25kg

Yield: 6 Bagels



METHOD

1. Combine 0.340kg water, flour, sugar, salt, vegetable oil, and yeast in the mixing bowl of a stand mixer. Mix on low speed using the dough hook until well-developed, about 8 minutes.

Note: To ensure the gluten has developed fully, cut off a walnut-sized piece of dough. Flour your fingers, and then stretch the dough: if it tears immediately, the dough needs more kneading. Fully developed dough should form a thin translucent □windowpane.□

2. Transfer the dough to a lightly oiled bowl, cover it with plastic wrap and a kitchen towel, and let rise for 2 hours.
3. Punch the dough down, place it on a lightly floured work surface, and use a knife or dough scraper to divide the dough into 6 pieces (or more, for smaller bagels). Roll each piece of dough into a sausage shape about 6 inches long. Join the ends to form a circle. Repeat with the remaining dough, and let the bagels rest for 15 minutes.
4. Preheat oven to 245°C. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Arrange small plates with poppy seeds, sesame seeds, and onion flakes next to the baking sheet.
5. Bring 4 litres of water to a boil in a large pot. Add honey, if desired (see note below). Boil the bagels, three at a time, until they rise to the surface of the pot, about 1 minute per side. Remove the bagels with a slotted spoon and place them on the parchment-lined baking sheet.

Note: Adding honey or barley malt syrup to the boiling water bath gives the bagels a pleasing chewy texture with a hint of sweetness. You may omit the honey, if desired.

6. Dip the tops of the wet bagels into the toppings and arrange them, seeds up, on the baking sheet. Sprinkle with coarse salt, if desired. Bake in the preheated oven until the bagels begin to brown, 15 to 20 minutes.