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:

One portion perfect Neapolitan pizza dough

1/2 cup perfect pizza sauce

1/4 pound thinly sliced fresh mozzarella cheese

10 fresh basil leaves

Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling

Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, for grating

Method:

- Set a pizza stone on a rack in the top third of the oven.
 Preheat the oven to 500° for at least 45 minutes.
 Meanwhile, remove the dough ball from the refrigerator and let stand for 20 minutes.
- 2. Working on a floured surface and using your fingers, press and stretch the dough ball out to a 10-inch round, working from the centre toward the edge. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured pizza peel.
- 3. Spread the Pizza Sauce onto the dough, 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 extra-virgin olive oil and a light grating of Parmigiano-Reggiano 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.