

Pizza Bagels

Quick and easy pizza bagels with melted mozzarella, pepperoni, and pizza sauce. Ready in 15 minutes - perfect snack or appetizer for kids and adults!

5	10	15	2	Easy
PREP MIN	COOK MIN	TOTAL MIN	SERVINGS	DIFFICULTY

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Ingredients

- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup pepperoni
- 1 cup bell pepper
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper

Instructions

- 1 Prepare the oven and bagels**
Preheat oven to 190°C (375°F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2** Slice 2 bagels in half horizontally to create 4 bagel halves. Place cut-side up on the prepared baking sheet.
- 3 Add toppings**
Spread 1 tablespoon of pizza sauce evenly on each bagel half, leaving a ¼-inch border around the edges.
- 4** Sprinkle ¼ cup of shredded mozzarella cheese over the sauce on each bagel half, covering evenly.
- 5** Arrange 4-5 pepperoni slices on top of the cheese on each bagel half.
- 6** Season each bagel with a pinch of dried oregano, salt, and black pepper.
- 7 Bake**
Bake for 10-12 minutes until the cheese is melted and lightly golden brown and the bagel edges are crispy and toasted.
- 8** Remove from oven and let cool for 2-3 minutes before serving hot.

Tips

Pre-toast bagel halves for 2-3 minutes before adding toppings to prevent sogginess and ensure a crispy base that holds up to sauce and cheese.

Use freshly shredded mozzarella cheese instead of pre-shredded varieties for better melting and superior flavor without waxy texture.

Apply sauce with a light hand – one tablespoon per bagel half is plenty. Too much sauce will make the bagels soggy and difficult to eat.

Pat pepperoni and other moist toppings dry with paper towels before adding to prevent excess grease from pooling on your pizza bagels.

Place bagels on a wire rack set over the baking sheet for extra crispiness, allowing air to circulate underneath during baking.

Let pizza bagels cool for 2-3 minutes after baking to allow cheese to set slightly, preventing molten cheese burns and making them easier to handle.

Freeze assembled unbaked pizza bagels on a baking sheet, then transfer to freezer bags for quick snacks that bake directly from frozen in 15-18 minutes.

Experiment with different bagel varieties like everything bagels or sesame seed for added flavor, but avoid sweet varieties that clash with pizza toppings.