Lavash Crackers (Unleavened)

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This recipe serves: 4

Prep Time: 01:30 Cook Time: 00:15

Lavash is a traditional Armenian Cracker or Flatbread that has become popular throughout the Mid-East. The earliest La vash recipes were more cracker then bread, but many regional Lavash variations do include yeast. This Lavash recipe s tays true to the original Armenian tradition, providing a tasty cracker that is easy to make. In order to reach the desired c onsistency, bake for 10 minutes with a pot of boiling water in the oven, then remove the water and bake again to get the ideal browned and crisp texture.

Ingredients:

1 Cup (120 Grams) All-Purpose Flour

- 2 Cups (240 Grams) Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Table Salt
- 1 Cup Water, heated to 100° Fahrenheit
- 4 Tablespoons Olive Oil, plus extra for brushing
- 1 Large Egg, well beaten (brush onto dough before baking)
- 1 Teaspoon Sesame Seeds

Additional Sea Salt, as desired

1 Teaspoon Za'atar Seasoning (Optional)

Directions:

In a mixer or a medium glass bowl, mix the Flours until fully integrated.

Add the Water.

Mix well until the Dough comes together into a single ball.

If necessary, add a few additional Tablespoons of Water to wet the dry flour on the bottom of the bowl.

Continue to mix or knead the dough for another 5 minutes.

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or a tea towel and rest the Dough ball for 30 minutes so that the Flour can fully hydrate (autolyse).

Uncover the Dough and add the Olive Oil and 1 Teaspoon Table Salt. Mix or knead the Dough until the Oil is fully integr ated into the Dough.

Form the dough back into a ball.

Separate the dough into 2 equal pieces (each piece should weigh about 600 Grams each). Form each piece into a Doug h Ball.

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Use a roller to flatten and shape each Dough ball, into a somewhat rectangular shape. Each Dough rectangle should be between 1/8" to 1/4" thick.

Move each Dough rectangle onto a sheet of parchment paper.

Sprinkle each Dough with Za'atar, Sesame Seeds, and finally Sea Salt. Use the roller to press the Seasoning into each Dough rectangle.

Fill a large oven-safe pot with water. Set the pot on the bottom rack of the oven. **Preheat the oven to 450° F.**

Stage 1

Add the sheet pans of Lavash to the oven and **bake for 10 minutes**. Remove the Lavash and place on a rack to cool. Remove the pot of water from the oven.

Stage 2

Preheat the oven (again) to 450° F.

Place the sheet pans of Lavash back into the oven and **bake for 10 minutes or until the the Lavash begin to brown**. Remove the Lavash and place on a rack to cool.

Serve with Oven Roasted Feta Cheese, with humus, Tzatziki, or brush with a light layer of Hot Honey and sprinkle with Sea Salt.