

Soft Pretzels - from Scratch

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This recipe serves: 8

Prep Time: 01:30

Cook Time: 00:30

These Pretzels are easy. It is fun to try and make the "traditional Pretzel knot" with a single hand motion. This recipe should make 15 Pretzels.

Ingredients:

Dry Ingredients

5 2/3 Cups (680 grams or 24 ounces) All-Purpose Flour
2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
1 Tablespoon Active Yeast
2 Teaspoons Kosher Salt

Wet Ingredients

13.5 oz (376 grams) Warm Milk (100° to 115° F) F
2 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter, melted

Additional Ingredients:

About 3 quarts of water
2 Tablespoons Baking Soda
3 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter
Course Grind Kosher Salt

Directions:

Prep the Dough

Mix the Dry ingredients in a large bowl.
Sprinkle the top with the Yeast. Rest for 10 minutes until the Yeast begins to bloom.

In a mixer or large bowl, mix the Dry Ingredients.
Whisk until fully integrated.

Add the Wet Ingredients. Run the mixer at medium speed.

Stop the mixer and use a spatula, as needed, to ensure that all of the Dry Ingredients are integrated with the Wet Ingredients.

Continue to mix until the Dough forms a large ball and cleans the sides of the bowl.

Place the Dough in a large bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

For best results, refrigerate 24 hours or up to 5 days. This will allow the Yeast to experience an uberslow growth (cold fermentation) that results in a much more mature flavor.

Otherwise, cover the Dough with a tea towel and let it rise for about 1 hour.

Shape the Pretzels

Remove from the refrigerator and let the bowl sit on the counter for 2 hours, as it comes to room temperature.

Divide the Dough into 8 equal Dough-balls. Each one should weigh about 5 ounces or 140 grams.

Mix the Baking Soda and Water into a pot.

Meanwhile, **preheat the oven to 450° F.**

Roll each Dough-ball into a long Rope, about 12 to 18 inches in length.

Loop each Rope into the traditional Pretzel shape.

Boil the Pretzels

Bring the Baking Soda and Water to a boil.

Drop each Pretzel into the boiling water and **boil for 20 to 30 seconds.**

NOTE: Leaving the Pretzels in the Soda Water too long will result in a metallic flavor.

Dry the Pretzels.

Bake the Pretzels

Cover 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. Lay the Pretzels out on the parchment paper so that they are not touching each other.

Brush each Pretzel liberally with melted butter. Sprinkle with Salt.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve with melted cheese dip, Brown mustard, Cinnamon Sugar, or whatever else you like.