



Hot Cross Buns



DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM



PREPARATION TIME: 2 HOURS



COOKING TIME: 25 MINUTES



SERVES: 10-12

Ingredients

500 g plain flour 300 ml water 7 g yeast 100 g mixed fruit 50 g currants 50 g dates 40 g mixed peel 100 g brown sugar 1 tsp Chinese 5 spice 1 tsp cinnamon

 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cardamom $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp nutmeg

¼ tsp ground star anise 3 tbsp canola oil

2 tsp salt

For the cross

75 g plain flour 50 g water, approximately

Method

Place all the dry ingredients with the water and oil into a mixer and knead with a dough hook on medium speed for 5-10 minutes. Add all of the fruit and mix for another minute on medium.

Remove the dough from the mixer. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough for a further 2 minutes until all the fruit is evenly spread through the dough. Spray the inside of a medium plastic or stainless steel bowl with oil and then add the dough.

Place the bowl in the oven, select Dough Prove and adjust the time to 45 minutes. Prove dough for time or until it has doubled in size.

While dough is proving make the paste for the crosses. Mix the plain flour and enough water to make a paste, then place into a piping bag.

Line universal tray with baking paper. Once the dough has proved, knock the air out of the dough. Cut dough into 10-12 portions, shape into buns and place on the prepared tray. Pipe on the crosses.

Select the Dough Prove function and prove for another 30 minutes. When the time has finished leave the buns in the oven. Change the function to CircoTherm® at 200°C and cook the buns for 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown. Once cooked remove the buns from the oven and allow to cool for 30 minutes.

Notes

Dough should be a little sticky when kneading to ensure a soft and fluffy hot cross bun.

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