CLASSIC PANZANELLA SALAD

¥ 4 SERVINGS

(L) 25 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups cubed bread, such as ciabatta or sourdough
- 2 large tomatoes, cut into cubes
- 1 small cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 ½ cup torn basil leaves
- 1/4 1/4 cup chopped parsley

- 1/2 cup fresh mozzarella, cut into bite-size pieces (optional)
- ½ cup olive oil
- **2** garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon chopped capers
 SALT TO TASTE

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Spread the bread cubes on a baking sheet and toss with 2 tablespoons oil and a pinch of salt. Bake until golden brown, about 7 to 10 minutes. Let cool.
- 2. In a large bowl combine cooled bread, tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, basil, parsley and mozzarella, if using.
- 3. To make the dressing, combine olive oil, red wine vinegar, Dijon mustard, chopped capers and salt to taste in a small bowl. Mix well.
- 4. Pour dressing over the bowl with bread mixture and stir to combine.
- 5. Serve immediately, or let sit for up to 30 minutes to let salad absorb flavor.

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QUICK TIPS

- Any sturdy bread such as baguette, ciabatta or Italian bread works well in this salad.
- The longer this salad sits, the more flavorful the bread will absorb.
- Add cooked shredded chicken to this recipe for extra protein.

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