

Pizza with the Kids

Almost all kids love to eat pizza, but it's even better when they get to help you make them. Making pizza is fun, quick, and easy. Everyone gets to choose their own toppings, it is great way to get kids involved in the kitchen, and it takes some of the load off of our busy schedule. This recipe uses store bought pizza crust, a jar of marinara sauce from the pasta aisle, and your imagination for ingredients. My daughter likes olive oil, fresh tomatoes and basil, with just a hint of cheese. My son is sauce, pepperoni, and cheese. My wife likes sauce, Italian sausage, pepperoni, and just a hint of cheese. I personally like everything but the kitchen sink. Sauce, Italian sausage, pepperoni, bell peppers, mushrooms, red onions, jalapenos, and cheese. Lots of cheese. The beauty of this is a customized pizza with little cost or effort, and a delicious dinner with everyone involved. I set out a small buffet with bowls of ingredients and then let everyone build their own. It is also great for parties, for kids or adults.

Ingredients:

Store bought pizza dough. These can be found in the same area as the biscuit dough. Follow the package directions for whatever variety you buy.

1 jar marinara sauce. Choose your favorite brand.

1 pound bulk Italian sausage, cooked and drained

1 package pepperoni

1 bell pepper, chopped

¼ red onion, sliced thin

5 Roma tomatoes, diced

Fresh basil, chopped

Extra virgin olive oil

Mushrooms, sliced

Jalapenos, sliced

Method:

Place all ingredients in bowls and lay out a "buffet" of pizza ingredients.

Par cook pizza crusts according to package directions.

Let everyone put the toppings on their crust.

Bake for 10-12 minutes, and mangia, mangia!