Garlic Bread

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Time 30 minutes

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Yield: 1 loaf

- ½ cup/8 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 stick), melted
- 4 fat garlic cloves, grated
- ½ cup Parmesan, grated
- 1/4 cup firmly packed chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 - Black pepper
- 1 baguette or rustic crusty loaf
- ½ pound fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced (optional)

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You may have once struggled with dry or greasy breads reeking of burned or raw garlic, but it's time to put that behind you. This is a versatile recipe, as readily made with thin baguettes, as it is with rustic sourdoughs and airy Italian loaves. Cutting the bread like a Hasselback potato keeps the butter from seeping out and allows the garlic to infuse the bread with its flavor without scorching. But, if it's an extra cheesy garlic bread you're looking for, slip a little mozzarella into each slit.

PREPARATION

Step 1

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. In a small bowl, stir together the butter, garlic, Parmesan and parsley. Add the salt and generously season with pepper. Set aside while you cut the baguette.

Step 2

Cut deep slits into the baguette, 1-inch apart — don't cut all the way through the loaf and place the baguette on a large piece of foil. Using a teaspoon or an offset spatula, generously spread the seasoned butter inside each slit. Make sure to reach the bottom of the slit; don't be shy here.

Step 3

Wrap the baguette in the foil, place on a baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Remove the baguette from the oven and unwrap the top (leave the bread on the foil). If you're adding mozzarella, use the offset spatula or spoon to gently open each slit and tuck a piece of mozzarella in (it's O.K. if the cheese pops out from the top a little). Return bread to the oven and bake until crisp and golden on top, another 5 minutes. Slice with a serrated knife (or tear with your hands) and serve at once.

The butter can be made 2 days in advance; let come to room temperature before using.

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