Cherry Tomato & Peach Panzanella

with Basil, Arugula & Fresh Mozzarella

Tuscan panzanella salads are defined by the easy combination of ripe summer tomatoes and rustic bread, elevated with a bit of oil and vinegar to some of the season's best eating. Our panzanella features pan-crisped croutons and sweet, golden-hued cherry tomatoes—with a few more seasonal additions like juicy slices of peach, salt and pepper cucumber and sweet basil. We're topping the salad off with a distinctively Italian flourish: fresh, tender mozzarella seasoned with a touch of olive oil, pepper and sea salt.

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Ingredients

- 1 Pugliese Bread Boule
- ½ Pound Fresh Mozzarella Cheese
- 4 Ounces Arugula
- 4 Ounces Orange Cherry Tomatoes
- 2 Salt and Pepper Cucumbers
- 1 Clove Garlic
- 1 Peach
- 1 Bunch Basil

Knick Knacks

- 2 Tablespoons Champagne Vinegar
- 1 Shallot
- 1/2 Teaspoon Jacobsen Sea Salt

Makes: 2 servings | Calories: about 800 per serving Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cook Time: 15–25 minutes



Prepare the ingredients:

Wash and dry the fresh produce. Pit the peach; thinly slice into wedges. Halve the tomatoes. Thinly slice the cucumbers into rounds. Pick the basil leaves off the stems; discard the stems. Trim off and discard 2 of the round ends of the bread; cut the remaining bread into 1-inch-thick slices. Peel the garlic. Cut the mozzarella cheese in half. Peel and mince the shallot to get 2 tablespoons (you will have extra); place in a bowl with the **vinegar**.



Make the vinaigrette:

Season the **shallot-vinegar mixture** with salt and pepper to taste. Slowly whisk in **2 tablespoons of olive oil** until well combined.



Marinate the fruit & vegetables:

In a large bowl, combine the **peach**, **tomatoes**, **cucumbers** and **half the basil** (tearing any larger leaves just before adding). Add **half the vinaigrette**; toss to combine and season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside to marinate, stirring occasionally, for at least 10 minutes.



Make the croutons:

While the the fruit and vegetables marinate, in a large pan (nonstick, if you have one), heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil on medium-high until hot. Add the **bread** and season with salt and pepper. Toast, occasionally turning the bread, 6 to 8 minutes, or until golden brown and crispy on both sides. Transfer to a plate. When cool enough to handle, carefully rub both sides of the toasted bread with the **garlic clove**; discard the clove. Transfer the seasoned bread to a cutting board and large dice.



Season the mozzarella:

While the bread toasts, transfer the **mozzarella** to a plate. Drizzle with olive oil and season with pepper and as much of the much of the **sea salt** as you'd like.



Finish & plate your dish:

Add the arugula and croutons to the bowl of marinated fruit and vegetables; season with salt and pepper. Add enough of the remaining vinaigrette to coat the salad; toss to combine and season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide the finished salad between 2 dishes. Top each with a piece of seasoned mozzarella. Garnish with the remaining basil (tearing any larger leaves just before adding). Enjoy!