



CHRISTMAS SANDWICH CREMES



1 cup butter (no substitutes), softened 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream 2 cups all-purpose flour Sugar FILLING: 1/2 cup butter (no substitutes), softened 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla extract Food coloring

In a mixing bowl, combine butter, cream and flour; mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until dough is easy to handle. Divide into thirds; let one portion stand at room temperature for 15 minutes (keep remaining dough refrigerated until ready to roll out). On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a 1-1/2-in. round cookie cutter. Place cutouts in a shallow dish filled with sugar; turn to coat. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Prick with a fork several times. Bake at 375° for 7-9 minutes or until set. Cool on wire racks. For filling, in a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla. Tint with food coloring. Spread about 1 teaspoon of filling over half of the cookies; top with remaining cookies. **Yield:** 4 dozen.

1 can (29 ounces) tomato sauce 1 can (12 ounces) tomato paste 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning 1 tablespoon dried oregano 1 to 2 teaspoons fennel seed, crushed 1 teaspoon onion powder 1 teaspoon garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

Pizza Sauce

In a saucepan over medium heat, combine tomato sauce and paste. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Cool. Pour into freezer containers, leaving 1/2-in. headspace. Freeze for up to 12 months. **Yield:** about 4 cups. **Editor's Note:** Use the sauce with crust and toppings of your choice to make a pizza; 1-1/3 cups of sauce will cover a crust in a 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. pan.

DIXIE'S CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Stew chicken, remove from bones and chop.

Place in 9 x 13 baking dish or other casserole dish.

Add:

1 can cream of chicken soup
3/4 can milk

Prepare stove top stuffing and spread on top of chicken/soup mixture.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Bacon Cheeseburger Pasta

- 8 ounces uncooked tube or spiral pasta 1 pound ground beef 6 bacon strips, diced
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed tomato soup, undiluted
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese Barbecue sauce and prepared

mustard, optional

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In the same skillet, cook bacon until crisp; remove with a slotted spoon to paper towels. Discard drippings. Drain pasta; add to the skillet. Add soup, beef and bacon; heat through. Sprinkle with cheese; cover and cook until the cheese is melted. Serve with barbecue sauce and mustard if desired. **Yield:** 4-6 servings.

Mom's Marvelous Meat Loaf

1-1/2 pounds lean ground beef 2/3 cup dry bread crumbs 1 egg, slightly beaten 1/2 cup finely chopped onion

Combine ingredients thoroughly; form into a loaf (8" x 4") in shallow baking pan. Bake in a 350°F oven, 45 minutes. Spread top with chill sauce; bake 15 minutes longer. Let meat loaf stand 5 minutes before slicing. Serve with additional chill sauce. Makes 6 servings.

1/2 cup Heinz Chili Sauce 1 tbsp. Heinz Worcestershire Sauce Heinz Chili Sauce

Rice Bread

2 packages dry yeast
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ cup warm water
1 cup milk, room temperature
¾ cup dry milk
2 tablespoons butter, margarine, butter or oil

3 teaspoons salt

 1½ cups packed, cooked white or brown rice (or 1 cup cooked creamof-rice cereal
 About 5 cups unbleached flour
 Melted butter

Mix the yeast, sugar and water, and allow to bubble. Stir down, every time it bubbles, while you cook the rice. Blend into the yeast mixture the milk, dry milk, butter, and salt. Add 2 cups flour, and beat until your arm almost

falls off. Add remaining flour, a ci a time, beating furiously after addition, until you have a soft kne ble dough. Knead in the rice. Sl into a ball. Grease a bowl, and turr dough-ball in it to grease all surfa Cover with plastic wrap. Allow to until doubled, about an hour. Pu down, and shape into one large loa two small loaves. Put in a greased 9 by-5-inch loaf pan. Grease top, a cover with plastic wrap. Allow to 1 until almost doubled. Bake in a p heated 350-degree oven for about minutes, or until browned and sounds hollow when thumped on t bottom. Remove from loaf pan to rac and brush with melted butter. Allow cool completely before slicing.

Coca-Cola Chocolate Cake

Cake

2 cups flour 2 cups sugar 1 cup Coca-Cola 2 sticks margarine or butter 3 tablespoons cocoa 1¹/₂ cups miniature marshmallows ¹/₂ cup buttermilk 2 eggs, well-beaten 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Icing

3 tablespoons cocoa 1 stick margarine or butter 6 tablespoons Coca-Cola 1 box powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For cake:

Combine flour and sugar and set aside. In a saucepan, combine and heat butter, cocoa, Coca-Cola and marshmallows (add marshmallows last) until it begins to boil. Remove from heat and stir to dissolve marshmallows. Pour the mixture over sugar and flour mixture and blend well. Add buttermilk, eggs, baking soda and vanilla, and blend well. Pour into greased 9-by-13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Ice while hot.

For icing:

Combine butter, cocoa and Coca-Cola in saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over powdered sugar, add vanilla and blend well. Spread over cake.

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