

HERB BREAD

- 1/2 Teaspoon Basil
- 1/4 Teaspoon Thyme
- 1 Tablespoon Chopped Parsley
- 1/2 Teaspoon Oregano
- 6 to 7 Cups Sifted Flour
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tablespoon Salt
- 1 Package Yeast
- 2 1/2 Cups Warm Water
- 1/2 Cup Shortening
- 1 Egg, beaten

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large mixing bowl combine 3 cups flour, sugar, salt, and yeast.
- 2. Combine warm water and shortening. The shortening does not need to melt.
- 3. Gradually add to dry ingredients and beat for 2 minutes with an electric mixer.
- 4. Add egg and 1 cup flour. Beat for 30 seconds on medium speed.
- 5. Stir in remaining flour and seasonings.
- 6. Turn onto floured board and knead until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes.
- 7. Allow to rise.
- 8. Punch dough and form into loaf pan.
- 9. All to rise again.
- 10. Place loaves in a cold oven.
- 11. Turn the heat to 400 degrees.
- 12. After 15 minutes, reduce the heat to 375 degrees and bake 25 minutes longer. Test for doneness.
- 13. Cool on a rack before cutting.