## Mediterranean Salad Pizza

This cold veggie-topped whole grain pizza ensemble is the epitome of the Mediterranean lifestyle - simple, colorful, and full of flavor.

## Ingredients

- 1 whole grain pizza dough recipe
- 1/2 cup hummus
- 1 cup salad greens, chopped
- 8-10 cherry tomatoes, sliced in quarters
- 1/2 cucumber, chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1-2 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup roasted bell peppers, sliced
- 8-10 kalamata olives, sliced or chopped
- garlic powder to taste
- Italian seasoning or Herbs de Provence
- vegan parmesan-style cheese (optional)
- 1 tsp balsamic glaze or balsalmic vinegar (optional)

## Instructions

- 1. Heat oven or grill to 550 degrees or as hot as your oven can go.
- 2. Divide pizza dough in half.
- 3. Roll out dough into desired shape and pierce all over with a fork.
- 4. Place on a hot pizza stone in your oven or grill for 4-6 minutes, until golden brown.
- 5. Pierce a few fork holes and deflate.
- 6. On each pizza, smear about half of the hummus in an even layer on top of your cooked crust.
- 7. Sprinkle generously with salad greens, veggies, tomatoes, olives, and cheese.
- 8. Dust with garlic powder and Italian seasoning.
- 9. Repeat the process with the second pizza dough.
- 10. If you're not serving immediately, wait until just before serving to top with hummus and toppings.

## Notes

- If your pizza dough disc inflates like a balloon in the oven, simply prick again and press down lightly to help release some of that trapped air. Once it's deflated, you're good to go.
- It is so much easier to cut the pizza right after you put the hummus layer on. Trust me.
- Balsamic glaze is slightly sweet and tangy and is really tasty on this salad pizza.

