Český chléb

Ingredients

Sponge

- 75 grams rye sourdough starter
- 1/2 liter of water
- 250 grams rye flour

Dough

- · 250 grams white flour
- 250 grams whole wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 Tablespoon caraway seed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground coriander

Directions

- 1. Mix the rye leavening, rye bread flour and water. This will create a thinner batter.
- 2. Cover and let rise overnight.
- 3. In the morning, add the wheat flour, wheat bread flour, salt, coriander and caraway seeds. Mix thoroughly for 5 minutes.
- 4. Cover and let rise for about 3 hours.
- 5. Divide the dough into two parts, shaping into long oval loaves, and place in oval brotforms.
- 6. Cover and let rise again for about an hour.
- 7. While loaves are rising, heat oven to 500° F., with cast iron skillet on bottom of oven and large baking sheet on lower rack.
- 8. Place loaves on heated baking sheet, pour 1 cup of water to heated skillet to create steam, and bake for 10 minutes.
- 9. Reduce oven temperature to 390° F and bake for another 40-50 minutes.