The Classic Burger

- 1. 1 pound ground lean (7% fat) beef
 2. 1 large egg
 3. 1/2 cup minced onion
 4. 1/4 cup fine dried bread crumbs
 5. 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
 6. 1 or 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
 7. About 1/2 teaspoon salt
 8. About 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 9. 4 hamburger buns (4 in wide), split
 10. About 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Directions

• Step 1

In a bowl, mix ground beef, egg, onion, bread crumbs, Worcestershire, garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper until well blended. Divide mixture into four equal portions and shape each into a patty about 4 inches wide.

• Step 2

Lay burgers on an oiled barbecue grill over a solid bed of hot coals or high heat on a gas grill (you can hold your hand at grill level only 2 to 3 seconds); close lid on gas grill. Cook burgers, turning once, until browned on both sides and no longer pink inside (cut to test), 7 to 8 minutes to Remove from grill.

• Step 3

Lay buns, cut side down, on grill and cook until lightly toasted, 30 seconds to 1 minute

Spread mayonnaise and ketchup on bun bottoms. Add lettuce, tomato, burger, onion, and salt and pepper to taste. Set bun tops in place.