

Lidia Bastianich's Salsa per la Pizza Napoletana

Ingredients:

One 14 oz. can Italian San Marzano plum tomatoes, drained

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon of dried oregano

A little crushed hot red pepper flakes, if you like things spicy

Instructions

Let as much liquid as possible drain from the tomatoes by cutting out the cores and allowing the juices and seeds inside to escape; then squeeze them gently with your hands. If the tomatoes are too wet, the crust won't cook properly. Whether you choose a food mill of food processor to grind the tomatoes, make sure they stay a little chunky.

Pass the tomatoes through a food mill fitted with the course disc into a mixing bowl. Or, you can pulse the tomatoes briefly, using quick on/off bursts in the food processor or with an immersion blender. Add the olive oil, salt, oregano and crushed red pepper.