PANZANELLA WITH CUCUMBER

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups day-old crusty whole-wheat peasantstyle (rustic) bread, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes (about 1 pound), cut in 1-inch cubes
- 4 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, cut in bite-size chunks
- ½ medium unwaxed cucumber, quartered crosswise, sliced
- ½ small red onion, thinly sliced
- 20 large fresh basil leaves, torn in small pieces
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar or balsamic vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ tsp Dijon mustard (optional)
- Salt and pepper, to taste



Serving Size: 1 cup | Serves: 8 Nutrition Information: Calories: 170; Total fat: 11g; Saturated fat: 3g; Cholesterol: 10mg; Sodium: 160mg; Total carbohydrate: 15g; Dietary fiber: 5g; Sugars: 3g; Protein: 6g.

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DIRECTIONS

- Combine the bread, tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, cucumber, onion and basil in a large salad bowl.
- To make the dressing, blend the olive oil, vinegar, garlic and mustard (if desired). Season with salt and pepper.

Whisk well to blend.

- 3. Pour dressing over the tomato-bread mixture. Toss gently.
- 4. Cover; let sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes for the flavors to blend as the bread softens.

