

HOMEMADE CROUTONS

Homemade croutons are not only simple and easy to make, but they are also a great use of your leftover bread! These are the perfect addition on top of a salad or in a soup and can be customized with any seasonings you prefer.

Yield: 4-6 cups

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of **bread** (about 12 ounces), cut into ¾-inch cubes
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- ¾ tsp salt
- ½ tsp ground black pepper

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a large baking sheet with aluminum foil and set aside.
- 2. In a large bowl, evenly drizzle the olive oil over the bread chunks. Then evenly sprinkle the Italian seasoning, garlic powder, salt, and pepper over the bread. Toss gently until well combined.
- 3. Spread the bread cubes out in a single layer on the baking sheet. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown, turning once halfway through cooking to ensure all sides are browned.
- 4. Remove from oven and let cool completely. Use immediately or store in an air-tight container for up to 1 week. Enjoy!

Per Serving: Calories 235, Protein 5.2 g, Saturated Fat 1.8 g, Sodium 569.6 mg, Fiber 1.9 g, Sugars 3.3 g This recipe was adapted from www.gimmesomeoven.com.

