



Italian Wedding Soup with Pork Meatballs with Parmesan ciabatta

Easy

(i) You will need

Olive Oil, Salt, Pepper, Cooking Spray Baking Sheet, Mixing Bowl, Medium Pot

Before you cook

Take a minute to read through the recipe before you startwe promise it will be time well spent!

- ☐ Preheat oven to **400 degrees**
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry
- ☐ Prepare a baking sheet with foil and cooking spray
- ☐ Ingredient(s) used more than once: **Parmesan**, cornstarch, Italian seasoning



Prepare the Ingredients

- Halve and peel **shallot**. Cut halves into ¼" dice.
- Cut ciabatta into ½" slices.
- Stem **kale** and coarsely chop.



Form the Meatballs

- Thoroughly combine ground pork, half the Parmesan (reserve remaining for ciabatta), half the cornstarch, half the Italian seasoning (reserve remaining of both for soup), a pinch of salt, and ¼ tsp. pepper in a mixing bowl.
- Form pork mixture into eight meatballs, about the size of a ping-pong ball.



Sear the Meatballs

- Place a medium pot over medium-high heat. Add 2 tsp. olive oil and meatballs to hot pot. Cook until well-browned on three sides, 2-3 minutes per side.
- Transfer meatballs to a plate. Meatballs will finish cooking in a later step.
- Reserve pot; no need to wipe clean.



Start the Soup

- Return pot used to sear meatballs to medium heat and add 2 tsp. olive oil and shallot. Stir until translucent, 30-60 seconds.
- Add remaining Italian seasoning, chicken base, and 4 cups water. Increase heat to medium-high and bring to a simmer. Cook, 5 minutes.
- While soup simmers, bake ciabatta.



Bake Ciabatta and Finish Soup

- Place ciabatta on prepared baking sheet. Top with ½ tsp. olive oil and remaining Parmesan (reserve a pinch for garnish). Bake in hot oven until golden brown, 10-12 minutes.
- While ciabatta bakes, add pasta, kale, meatballs, and a pinch of salt and pepper to soup. Combine remaining cornstarch with 1 tsp. water and stir into soup.
- Return to a simmer and cook until pasta is tender and meatballs reach a minimum internal temperature of 160 degrees, 8-10 minutes.
- Plate dish as pictured on front of card, garnishing soup with reserved Parmesan. Bon appétit!

