**Tortillas**

**Homemade Flour Tortillas**

Makes 12

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**Ingredients**

3 cups unbleached all purpose flour

3 tablespoons lard

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1 cup warm water

**Instructions**

Add the salt to the flour and mix well.  Use your fingers to crumble the lard into the flour mixture.  Add 1 cup warm water and stir as much as you can with a spoon, then dump onto a flat surface and knead into a cohesive ball.  Let rest for at least 30 minutes.

Tear into golfball sized chunks, rolling between your hands to shape them into smooth balls.  Use a rolling pin to roll them out approximately 5-6 inches in diameter.

Heat a comal/griddle to medium high temperature and add a tortilla. Cook each side for 45-60 seconds or until light brown spots form. As one tortilla cooks, roll out the next to expedite the process.

If you're quickly getting black spots then your temp is too high.  If it's taking too long to get brown spots then your temp is too low.

**Homemade Corn Tortillas**

(makes 12)

**Ingredients**

2 cups masa harina

1 tablespoon lard

1/2 teaspoon salt

1.5 cups warm water

**Instructions**

Add 2 cups masa harina and 1/2 teaspoon salt to a mixing bowl.  Add 1 cup of the warm water and stir until the water is absorbed.  Add the rest of the water incrementally until the flour melds into a dough.  Use your hands to knead the dough into a cohesive ball.  If the dough is sticking to your hands, add a bit of masa harina to dry it out.

Separate the dough into golf ball sized chunks, this will make tortillas approximately 4 inches across.

Flatten the dough balls using a tortilla press or a flat bottomed pan. Be sure to line each side of the dough ball with plastic or ziploc pieces.

Heat a skillet or comal to medium high heat. Add a tortilla and flip after 10 seconds. Then cook each side for 1-2 minutes or until light brown spots are forming. Continue cooking the rest of the tortillas. If the tortillas are getting singed black spots quickly, then dial down the heat. Ideally each side takes about 1-2 minutes before brown spots start forming.