# **Homemade Croutons**

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This recipe is a great way to use stale bread. Making your own croutons also means you can make whole grain croutons, which are not usually available in stores.

## Ingredients

- Stale bread, about 9 slices (enough to make about 3 cups of bread cubes)
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, or a mixture of dried herbs (your choice combination of thyme, basil, oregano, marjoram, rosemary, sage)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil



### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°
- 2. Mix garlic, herbs, and olive oil in a small bowl or jar, let stand for 15-30 minutes.
- 3. Slice stale bread into bite-size cubes, about ½ inch in size, you should have about 3 cups of cubes total.
- 4. In a large mixing bowl, drizzle oil mixture over cubes and toss to coat thoroughly.
- 5. Spread out cubes on a baking sheet and bake until golden brown, about 10-15 minutes.
- 6. Let croutons cool, and store in an airtight container or plastic bag for up to two weeks.

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