sheet-pan summer corn pizza

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Tools:

- Half rimmed sheet pan
- Cutting board
- Chef's knife

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound pizza dough
- 8 ounces mascarpone

- 2 pints cherry tomatoes, halved
- 4 garlic cloves, minced or grated (on a microplane or the smallest hole of a box grater)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 ears corn, kernels cut off
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Optional: red pepper flakes

About an hour before you plan to eat dinner, grease an 18-by-13-inch half baking sheet with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Place the 1 pound pizza dough ball onto the baking sheet and cover it with plastic wrap for 30 minutes to 1 hour at room temperature.

While the dough is proofing (aka resting and rising at room temperature), halve **2 pints of cherry tomatoes** and grate or mince **4 garlic cloves**.

Preheat oven to 500°F.

Turn the dough ball over so that it is coated in oil, then use your fingers to press the dough out toward the corners of the sheet-pan. If it isn't perfectly stretching to fill the entire pan, no worries — it doesn't need to. Just press it out as best you can.

Spread 8 ounces mascarpone over the pizza. Scatter 2 pints of halved cherry tomatoes and 4 minced garlic cloves over top and season with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cover with 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese and the kernels from 2 ears of corn.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the pizza dough is firm and the cheese is melted.

Scatter 1/2 cup thinly sliced basil leaves, 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, and a pinch of red pepper flakes over top. Take a bite — you might want to season with more salt at this point.

FYI — we didn't season with more salt beforehand because it would have made the tomatoes leech too much liquid, leading to a soggy pizza! So I always add more after it bakes!

Cut your pizza into slices (I like lots of small squares) and dig in!