Grilled Pesto Sandwiches

1 (6-oz.) pkg. sliced mozzarella cheese, cut into thirds 8(1/2" thick) Italian bread slices 1/4 cup pizza sauce 1/4 cup pesto 28 slices pepperoni 2 Tbsp. butter Garnish: pepperoni slices

1. Arrange 1/3 cheese slice on each of 4 slices of bread; spread evenly with pizza sauce.

Top each with another 1/3 cheese slice, and spread evenly with pesto.

Arrange pepperoni slices evenly over pesto sauce; top with remaining 1/3 cheese slices and remaining bread slices.

Spread half of butter on tops of sandwiches.

2. Invert sandwiches onto a hot nonstick skillet or griddle, and cook over medium heat 3 minutes or until browned.

Spread remaining butter on ungrilled sides of sandwiches; turn and cook 3 more minutes or until browned. Garnish, if desired.

Deli Beef'n Cheddar

Spread outsides of two rye bread slices with butter, then insides with mayonnaise. Top with fresh or dried basil

Layer with 2 slices deli roast beef, 1 slice cheddar cheese, tomato slices, thinly sliced red onion.

Grill on both sides of sandwich.

Grilled Four-Cheese Sandwich with Tomato, Avocado, and Bacon

- 8 microwave bacon slices
- 2 large tomatoes, each cut into 4 slices
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 large avocado, cut into 8 slices*
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 8 sourdough bread slices
- 4 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese, sliced
- 4 ounces jalapeño Jack cheese, sliced
- 4 ounces white Cheddar cheese, sliced
- 1/4 cup Thousand Island dressing

- Cook bacon according to package directions; drain and set aside.
- Sprinkle tomatoes evenly with salt and pepper; sprinkle avocado with vinegar. Stir together butter and Parmesan cheese. Set aside.
- Spread mayonnaise on 1 side of 4 bread slices; layer each with 1 sharp Cheddar cheese slice, 1 tomato slice, 2 avocado slices, 2 bacon slices, 1 jalapeño cheese slice, 1 tomato slice, and 1 white Cheddar cheese slice. Spread remaining 4 bread slices with dressing; place on top of sandwich with dressing side down.
- Spread half of butter mixture evenly on 1 side of sandwiches. Cook 2 sandwiches, buttered side down, in a hot nonstick skillet or griddle over medium heat 2 to 3 minutes. Spread remaining butter mixture evenly on ungrilled sides of sandwiches; turn and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Repeat procedure with remaining sandwiches.
- * Substitute 1/2 cup guacamole for avocado and rice vinegar, if desired.

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