# **Grilled Tomatoes**

Ingredients

- 2 firm, ripe tomatoes (not overly ripe or they will fall apart when you grill them), cut in half around the middle
- CO-OP Gold Olive Oil 100% Extra Virgin 🥯 GOLD
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 basil leaves, thinly sliced



### Method

- 1. Seed the tomatoes: Standing over a sink, use your fingers to gently dislodge and remove the watery pulp and seeds. (Although the seeds and pulp contain a lot of flavors, when you grill the tomatoes they are going to be lost anyway.)
- 2. Grill the tomatoes cut-side-down:
- 3. Preheat your grill on high heat for direct grilling. Use a grill basket or fine grill grate if you can, it will make it much easier to work with the tomatoes (or any other vegetables you grill).
- 4. Season the tomatoes with salt and pepper. Brush the cut side of the tomatoes with olive oil. Brush the grill grate or grill pan with olive oil.
- 5. Place the tomatoes, cut side down, on the grill surface. Cover the grill and let cook for about 4 minutes. (Check after 2 minutes.)
- 6. Serve: Place on a serving dish, cut side up. Drizzle a little more olive oil on the tomatoes. Sprinkle with just a little more salt and pepper. Sprinkle with thinly sliced basil.

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## **Grilled Tomatoes with Cheese**

### Ingredients

- 4 Roma tomatoes
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 cup CO-OP Gold Cheese Monterey Jack 28%, shredded @GOLD
- **2 Tbsp** Parmesan cheese, grated
- oil, for brushing the grill
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- **1 tsp** dried parsley

### Instructions

- 1. Preheat the grill to medium.
- 2. Cut each tomato in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds and membrane. Season the inside of each tomato shell with garlic powder, salt and pepper.
- 3. Fill each tomato shell with approx. 2 Tbsp of shredded Monterey Jack cheese and top with about 1 tsp of Parmesan cheese.
- Brush the grill grates with oil, place the tomatoes on the grill and close the lid. Grill for about 4– 5 minutes, just until the cheese melts. (Do not leave the tomatoes on the grill too long or they'll become too soft and possibly collapse.)
- 5. Just before serving, place tomatoes under an oven broiler to brown the cheese.
- 6. Remove the tomatoes from the broiler and sprinkle with dried oregano and parsley. Allow the tomatoes to cool just a few minutes before serving. Enjoy!

#### Notes

Be a little adventurous and use heirloom tomatoes for this recipe. They are less mealy than commercially-grown tomatoes AND they look cooler!

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