

Pepperoni Pizza Braid

1 can (8 oz) refrigerated crescent dough*

1/3 cup marinara pasta sauce

1/2 cup shredded cheese (such as mozzarella and Cheddar)

Pepperoni slices

Heat oven to 350°F.

If desired, line cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper.

Unroll can of dough onto paper-lined or directly on ungreased cookie sheet.

Using fingers or rolling pin, press or roll dough to form 14x10-inch rectangle.

Spread 1/3 cup marinara sauce lengthwise down center of dough.

Top with 1/2 cup shredded cheese and desired amount of pepperoni slices.

With pizza cutter, cut dough into strips on both sides of toppings.

Fold 1 strip up over toppings; fold 1 strip from opposite side over first strip. Repeat to form a braided appearance.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown.

Remove from cookie sheet to cutting board.

Cut into slices; serve warm.

*If using rolls, press to seal perforations.