More than 1 hour

Serves 4+

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Ingredients:

- 3 cups (450g) cake flour
- 1 tsp (5ml) salt
- 1 Tbsp (15ml) white sugar
- 1 sachet (10g) yeast
- 2½ cups (560ml) warm water

Method

- 1. Combine ingredients in a large bowl, adding enough water to make a sticky (not wet) dough.
- 2. Knead for 6-8 minutes or until smooth and elastic.
- 3. Place in a greased bowl, cover with a cloth and leave to rise for 1 hour.
- 4. Knock back dough by kneading it again.
- 5. Continue with one of the below recipe options.

Vetkoek

- 1. Divide dough into 6 portions.
- 2. Shape each one into a smooth ball, cover with a cloth and set aside to rise for 15 more minutes.
- 3. Heat enough oil in a large pot for deep-frying.
- 4. Fry vetkoek in batches for 6-8 minutes, until cooked through and golden.
- 5. Drain on kitchen paper, and serve while still hot with butter or your favourite filling (like chicken or mince curry).

Steamed herb bread

1. Knead 3 Tbsp (45ml) of chopped fresh herbs like parsley, coriander or thyme in to

knocked back dough.

- 2. Cover with a cloth and set aside to rise again for 15 minutes.
- 3. Divide dough in two and shape each half into a ball.
- 4. Place one dough ball into a medium-size greased metal bowl, and place this bowl into a large pot of simmering water (the water should not come more than halfway up the side of the bowl).
- 5. Cover pot with a lid and steam bread gently for 1 hour, or until cooked through.
- 6. Repeat process with remaining dough, or steam two breads in separate pots at the same time.
- 7. Serve freshly steamed bread with butter.

Butter buns:

- 1. Divide dough into 12 portions.
- 2. Shape each portion into a ball.
- 3. Cover balls with a cloth and set aside to rise for 15 more minutes.
- 4. Place dough balls on a baking tray and brush generously with melted butter.
- 5. Bake at 180°C for about 10 minutes
- 6. Remove from oven, brush again with melted butter and bake for 8-10 minutes more or until cooked through. Bread should be golden on top and feel light when picked up.
- 7. Remove from oven and brush immediately with more melted butter.
- 8. Set aside to cool, then serve with a spicy atchar.