



## THE FRONT BURNER

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### **Summer Squash Tartines with Rosemary and Lemon**

*For 4*

It's amazing what you can do with just one squash and less than five minutes. Choose the best, creamiest ricotta for these bites. Marjoram, dill, and basil are other good herb choices.

1 teaspoon olive oil  
1 or 2 summer squash (about 8 ounces in all), very thinly sliced  
Scant 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary  
Grated zest of 1 lemon  
Sea salt and freshly ground pepper  
4 long pieces of baguette, sliced diagonally  
Olive oil and garlic for the bread  
1/2 cup ricotta cheese

Heat the oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the squash, sauté for 1 minute or so to warm, then add a splash of water and cover. Cook over medium-high heat until the squash is soft, about 3 minutes. Remove the lid, add the rosemary and lemon zest, toss it with the squash, and then season with salt and pepper.

Lightly brush the cut surface of the baguette pieces with olive oil, then toast until golden and crisp. While the bread is hot, rub the cut surfaces with the garlic. Spread the baguette pieces with the ricotta, then overlap the squash on top. Season with a bit more pepper and serve.