## INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups warm water
- 11/2 tbsp dry active yeast
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 4 1/2 cups bread flour
- 2 tsp salt
- 1-2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 egg
- 2 jalapeños, diced
- Baking soda
- Honey

## STEPS

- 1. In a small bowl, add the warm water, dry active yeast, and brown sugar. Stir to combine and set aside for 5-10 minutes.
- 2. In a large bowl, add the 4 1/2 cups of bread flour, salt, and 1 cup of the shredded cheese (optional). Combine.
- 3.Add the yeast mixture to the dry ingredients.
- 4. Mix by hand until a shaggy dough forms. Pour the contents onto a clean surface and knead by hand for 10 minutes.
- 5. Knead by pushing the dough, turning and folding it in half. Repeat this for 10 minutes.
- 6. Allow the dough to rest for 5 minutes.
- 7. Cut the dough into 8 pieces.
- 8. Take each portion of dough and knead it into a tight ball. Press your thumb into the center of the ball to create the bagel shape. Place onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet.
- 9. Cover the cookie sheet with a kitchen towel or plastic wrap and allow the bagels to rise for 20-30 minutes.
- 10. In a large pot, boil water with some baking soda and honey and preheat the oven to 425°.
- 11. Once the water is at a boil, carefully drop the risen bagels into the boiling water one by one. You may have to do this in a few batches. (I do 2-3 at a time, depending on size.)
- 12. Boil the bagels for 1 minute, flip over to the other side, and boil for an additional minute. (I tend to do a little less time.)
- 13. Using a large slotted spoon or spider strainer, remove the bagels and return to the cookie sheet.
- 14. Scramble one egg and add a dash of water. Spread this mixture on each boiled bagel. Top each with jalapeños and the rest of the shredded cheese.
- 15. Bake in the 425° F oven (middle rack) for 15-17 minutes or until golden brown.
- 16. Allow the bagels to cool on a wire rack. Eat within 3 days or freeze leftovers.

## KAYLA'S FAVORITE

## JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR BAGEL