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## panini swap shop

Posted by EIM - 17-05-2008 19:56

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I have a mozzarella and pesto, but would like something with ham or bacon.

Any one wish to swap?

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by Femme Folle - 17-05-2008 20:06

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I was thinking of starting a thread like this, oddly enough.

I bought a small George Foreman like grill and have been making my own.

The Femme Folle:

Mesquite smoked turkey, thinly sliced  
Pepper Jack cheese  
Spicy Ranch Dressing (and mayo, if you like)  
White bread (my preference, but not mandatory)

I like to spread a light coating of butter on the outside of the sandwich before smashing it in the grill.

I've just made myself hungry.

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by EIM - 17-05-2008 20:08

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I was bought a panini press for my birthday a few years back.

I wanted a toastie machine.

C'est la vie.

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by Crusoe - 17-05-2008 20:11

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I lived on Breville sandwiches at university. The best ones combined cheap filling with hot sauce, so you couldn't taste the cheap filling. Tesco Value Ham and extra-hot chilli sauce worked, particularly once the Breville heated the sauce to the temperature of the sun's surface, and tuna with horseradish also numbed the senses (especially the time I used shaved instead of creamed horseradish).

Now I'm really hungry too.

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by Femme Folle - 17-05-2008 20:11

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Surely you can make toasties in a panini machine, can't you? This is where I'm not very clear on what exactly a cheese toasty is. I'm never sure if you're talking about what we refer to as 'cheese toast', which would be a slice of cheese melted on bread and served open-faced, or what we call a 'grilled cheese sandwich', which is the same thing as cheese toast, but has a top slice of bread added to it. The latter you can definitely make in a panini machine.

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by EIM - 17-05-2008 20:13

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A toastie machine is special as it presses the edges together, sealing the contents inside, like a tasty, bready prison.

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by Femme Folle - 17-05-2008 20:14

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I think this is one area where the USA is superior to the UK. We don't need to use anything to mask anything.

We have perfected the sandwich. Long live the Jewish deli!

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by Femme Folle - 17-05-2008 20:15

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I get it now, but that only means that a cheese toasty is basically identical to the grilled cheese sandwich.

Remember that next time you visit the US and crave a cheese toasty.

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## Re:panini swap shop

Posted by EIM - 17-05-2008 20:26

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It's similar but not the same. Toasties are fairly special, and no grilled cheese sandwich can come close.

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