Parmesan-Crusted Multigrain French Toast Sticks

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Ingredients:

- 1 loaf day-old multigrain bread, such as Heinen's Harvest Grain Bread
- 4 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon fresh thyme
- ½ teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
- ½ cup whole milk
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Marinara sauce, to serve



Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 275F. Cut multigrain bread into 1 ½ inch thick slices. Remove crusts. Cut slices in half to form long sticks. Place on a baking sheet. Bake for 25 minutes to dry out. Remove from oven and let stand on counter for at least 30 minutes to cool and continue drying.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine eggs and egg yolk. Whisk thoroughly. Add salt, black pepper, thyme, oregano, whole milk, and parmesan cheese. Whisk to combine. Transfer to a shallow baking dish.
- 3. Dip bread into egg mixture. Turn to make sure bread is evenly coated. Let sit for about 30 seconds on each side for egg mixture to absorb.
- 4. Add olive oil and butter to a large skillet over medium heat. Add bread to pan and cook about 1 minute on each side or until browned. Work in batches to avoid overcrowding pan.
- 5. While French toast is cooking, warm marinara sauce in a small saucepan over low heat. Serve French toast sticks warm with marinara sauce for dipping.