Pizza dough

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3 tablespoons hot water
3 tablespoons milk
½ package (about 1 ¼ teaspoon) active dry yeast
Pinch of sugar
1/4 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon rye flour
2 tablespoons whole wheat flour
5/8 cup unbleached white flour

- 1. Combine the water and the milk –the mixture should be not much warmer than body temperature. Add the yeast and the sugar, and stir to dissolve the yeast; then mix in the olive oil, salt, rye, and whole wheat flour. Gradually add the white flour, stirring to make a soft, workable dough. Add only enough flour to keep the dough from sticking –the dough should be a little moist.
- 2. Turn it out onto a lightly floured surface and knead it for about 5 minutes. Put the dough into an oiled bowl, and turn it once so the surface is coated with oil. Cover th bowl and let the dough rise in a warm place until it has doubled in bulk, about 35-40 minutes.
- 3. Preheat the oven to 500F and warm the pizza stone, if using, for 20 minutes.
- 4. To shape the pizza, first form the dough into a ball, and then roll it out on a floured surface. Pick up the dough and stretch it, shaping it with your hands to form a circle, and roll out more, as necessary. The 1—inch round will be about 1/8 thick, at most, and slightly thicker around the edge. Set the dough on a pan or on a well-floured wooden peel, brush it with garlic oil, if desired, and cover it with the topping you have chosen.
- 5. Bake the pizza on its pan, or slide it from the peel onto the heated pizza stone.