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HAND MIXING

PREP -



Combine all poolish ingredients, and mix to a homogeneous mass. Transfer the poolish to an airtight container and let it ripen at $21-24 \,^{\circ}\text{C}/70-75 \,^{\circ}\text{F}$ for $12-16 \,\text{h}$ before mixing it into the dough (see page $3\cdot20$).

MIX



2 Stir the salt in 5¹²⁶ of the water, and set aside. Dissolve the yeast in the remaining water, then add the poolish and the flour; mix to a shaggy mass.



Autolyse 30 min, then add the salt solution, and mix until homogeneous. Transfer the dough to a lightly oiled plastic tub, and give it a four-edge fold (see page 3·129).

BULK FERMENT-





Bulk ferment for 3½ h, performing 3 four-edge folds, one every hour after the first hour. Cover the dough between folds. Let the dough bulk ferment for 30 min after the last fold.



Transfer the dough by gently turning it out of the tub onto a well-floured work surface. Handle the dough carefully to help preserve the CO_2 pockets that have formed inside it.

DIVIDE





6 Divide the dough to the desired weight (see page 3·136). Do not divide for a large boule or bâtard or for a miche.

PRESHAPE



Preshape the dough as desired (see page 3-156).

Rest the dough for 20 min.