

Enjoy the Story **Score with A Real “Home Run” Recipe**

While Chicago is known for its museums, sculptures, parks, and sports’ teams, it is also famous for its deep-dish pizza and Chicago-style hot dogs.

This year the Chicago History Museum sponsored a Chicago Hot Dog Fest for a weekend in Lincoln Park. I was excited to be at the Fest interviewing several of their guest speakers, who would be revealing some hidden facts about the history of the hot dog. It was fun to celebrate the season at the Fest, surrounded with magical music of award-winning bands, loads of games, inflatables, activities, and with various regional and ethnic hot dog styles by the city’s top hot dog vendors.

I turned to my husband Tom and said, “There is nothing better or more fun than having your hand wrapped around a Chicago Hot Dog.”

He laughed, “unless there is pizza in the other hand.”

My eyes widened as I just stared at him. “That’s a great idea!” At that moment, “Chicago Hot Dog Pizza” was born.

Returning home, I was anxious to try it out and bought a frozen “Home Run Inn” Cheese pizza. I wanted to use their pizza because I knew that Mary and Vincent Grittani, the owners of Home Run Inn in Chicago always supported and welcomed the youth on Chicago’s South Side. Now, I added raw onions and Vienna all-beef franks’ slices, and brushed some poppyseeds on the crust edges. It sizzled in the oven, looking so delicious. Taking it from the oven, it was time to “drag it through the garden: as they say in Chicago. Greener than green relish, more onions, sliced dill pickle spears, sliced tomato wedges, sport peppers for heat, a drizzle of yellow mustard, and of course, a sprinkle of celery salt. Now, it was ready for testing. You couldn’t miss with this pizza, two of Chicago’s best foods, pizza and hot dogs created a fantastic world of flavor. Melting cheese dotted with seven condiments created a real mouth-watering party. We hit a Home Run with this combination. Revealing it on our website, it looks like lots of people agreed with us, about 25,050 views. Check it out!

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