

## Homemade Italian Sausage Crumbles



## Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 tsps dried parsley
- 1 tsps paprika
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp Kosher salt
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp dried oregano
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp fennel seeds or  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp ground fennel
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp garlic powder
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp dried rosemary crushed
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> tsp black pepper
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> tsp dried thyme
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> tsp red pepper flakes or to taste

## Method:

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- 2. Cover & refrigerate at least 4 hours or up to 24 hours.
- 3. Cook in a skillet until no pink remains.

**Notes:** Fennel seeds to give the sausage its signature flavor. You can use either whole or ground fennel (I use whole because it's usually what I have on hand)

This recipe *can be doubled* and half of the uncooked mixture can be frozen for future use. Sausage can be formed into patties before cooking. Cook over medium heat about 4-5 minutes per side or until cooked through.

## **Optional add-ins**

1-2 tsps brown sugar1/8 tsp cayenne pepper1/8 tsp smoked paprika