Philly Cheeseburgers with Onions, Peppers, and Provolone

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Serves: 4 // Prep time: 20 minutes | Grilling time: 18 to 20 minutes | Special equipment: perforated grill pan

INGREDIENTS

1½ pounds ground chuck (80% lean)
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh oregano leaves, divided
1¾ teaspoons kosher salt, divided
1½ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper, divided
2 medium garlic cloves, minced
1 medium yellow onion, cut crosswise into thin slices and separated into rings
2 bell peppers, any color, cut into thin strips
Extra-virgin olive oil
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
4 hamburger buns, split
4 slices provolone cheese, each about 1 ounce



INSTRUCTIONS

- **1** Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium-high heat (400° to 500°F) and preheat a perforated grill pan over direct heat for about 10 minutes.
- 2 Mix the ground chuck, 1 tablespoon of the oregano, 1 teaspoon of the salt, 1 teaspoon of the pepper, and the garlic, and then gently form four patties of equal size, each about ³/₄ inch thick. With your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 1 inch wide in the center of the patties to prevent them from forming a dome as they cook. Refrigerate the patties until ready to grill.
- 3 Combine the onion, bell peppers, 2 tablespoons oil, the remaining ¾ teaspoon salt, the remaining ½ teaspoon pepper, and the crushed red pepper flakes and toss to coat. Spread the vegetables in a single layer on the grill pan and grill over *direct medium-high heat*, with the lid closed, until tender, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the grill pan and vegetables from the grill and transfer the vegetables to a bowl.
- 4 Brush the cut side of the buns with oil. Grill the patties over *direct medium-high heat*, with the lid closed, until cooked to medium doneness (160°F), 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. During the last 30 seconds to 1 minute of grilling time, place a slice of cheese on top of each patty to melt, and toast the buns, cut side down, over direct heat.
- 5 Build each cheeseburger on a bun with a patty and onions and peppers. Serve warm.