**Best-Ever Tuna Melt**

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Tuna lovers! Meet your ultimate sandwich. With just the right amount of crunch, melty cheddar cheese, and a couple good slices of tomato, you might even convert a tuna hater.

**INGREDIENTS**

1/3 c. mayonnaise

Juice of 1/2 lemon

1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

2 (6-oz.) cans tuna

1 ribs celery, finely chopped

2 dill pickles, finely chopped

1/4 c. finely chopped red onion

2 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

8 slices bread, such as sourdough

2 tbsp. butter

1 tomato, sliced

8 slices cheddar

**DIRECTIONS**

* Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, lemon juice, and red pepper flakes (if using).
* Drain tuna then add to mayonnaise mixture. Use a fork to break up tuna into flakes. Add celery, pickles, red onion, and parsley and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
* Butter one side of each bread slice. Top an unbuttered side with approximately 1/2 cup of tuna salad, 2 to 3 slices tomato, and 2 slices of cheese. Top with another slice of bread, buttered side facing up. Repeat with remaining ingredients and place on a large baking sheet. Bake until cheese is melty, 5 to 8 minutes.