

Pizzeria

Gather, layout, and gradually add:

Table and chairs (red/white checkered table cloth)
'kitchen area' with something to prepare the pizza

An oven

Pizza boxes

Menus

Dishes

Pictures of pizza

Cash register and money, gift cards

Delivery car

Play food that would be in an Italian eatery

Shakers for the hot peppers & parmesan cheese

A Pretend Scenario to try:

- Get four kids together at a time; have two be the customers and one be the waiter and one be the cook. The customers are out on a special occasion dinner and order. The clerk helps them make their selections and passes the order to the cook. You get the picture...

Maintaining basics:

Cleaning supplies for 'cleaning' the shop and stuff for cleaning the tables

• Dress-Up portion:

Chef hat, aprons, smocks for the uniform

Dress up clothes for going out to eat

Activities:

- Go on a field trip to a real Pizzeria
- Come up with a name for the pizzeria
- Make a shop sign, coupons, play money
- Make menus by cutting out pics of pizza
- Make cardboard pizzas (paint, or felt, or with markers)
- Make pasta out of yarn, or use a variety of real dry pastas
- Play sorting games with the pasta

Décor:

The children's artwork

Photos of pizza and pasta

Cookbooks and colorful magazines about Italian foods

A map of Italy