

CANDIED JALAPEÑOS

These pickled jalapeños, also known as candied jalapeños, deliver a real punch of sweet heat! Outstanding on sandwiches, nachos, in tacos and topping chili. These will become a pantry staple.

Do not alter basic ingedients—ration of vinegar to vegetables has been determined to ensure the safety and quality of the recipe.

Yield: 4 pint jars

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups vinegar, apple cider or white (at least 5% acidity)
- 2 tsp salt
- 4 cups sugar
- 6 cloves garlic, sliced
- 2 tsp. turmeric
- ½ tsp cayenne powder
- 2 tsp mustard seeds
- 4 pounds jalapeños, sliced into ¼ inch rings

DIRECTIONS

- **1.** Prepare boiling water canner. Heat jars in simmering water until ready to use, do not boil. Wash lids in warm soapy water and set aside with bands.
- **2.** Combine all ingredients except jalapeños in a large saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring to dissolve sugar.
- **3.** Add jalapeño slices, lower heat to medium and simmer for 15 minutes, until jalapeños are dark green and have begun to absorb some of the brine.
- **4.** Ladle hot jalapeños into a hot jar leaving a ½ inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rim. Center lid on jar and apply band, adjust to fingertip tight. Place jar in

- boiling-water canner. Repeat until all jars are filled.
- **5.** Water must cover jars by 1 inch. Adjust heat to medium-high, cover canner, and bring water to a rolling boil. Process pint jars 15 minutes, adjusting for altitude.
- **6.** Turn off heat and remove cover. Let jars cool 5 minutes. Remove jars from canner; do not retighten bands if loose.
- **7.** Place hot jars, well separated, on a rack or folded towel, away from drafts.
- **8.** Do not disturb jars for 12-24 hours. When cool, remove the ring bands and check for seals. Wash the jars. Label with product and date.
- **9.** Store in a dry, dark and cool area. Pickle flavors blend after being stored for several weeks.

RESOURCE

Ball. https://www.ballmasonjars.com/ blog?cid=candied-jalapenos

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