Making Refrigerator Dill Pickles





GATHER YOUR INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups water
- 2 cups white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 10-12 pickling cucumbers
- 1 large red onion
- 1 jalapeno pepper (optional)
- 3 quart or 6 pint jars, lids and rings (well washed in hot, soapy water)
- 1 big bunch of dill thick stems removed
- 1 head of garlic skins removed, cloves smashed
- peppercorn kernels (8-10 per jar)



Make the Brine

The brine consists of water, vinegar, salt, and sugar. It is the liquid that preserves and flavors your pickles.



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4 cups water



2 tablespoons salt



1 teaspoon sugar



Bring this mixture to a boil and then remove from heat and cool.

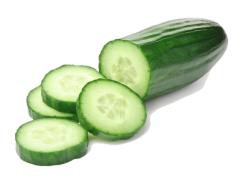
Remove sprigs of dill from the dill plant and put into jars.



Add 8-10 peppercorns to each jar.



Cut the cucumbers into slices or spears.







Add prepared cucumbers to jars.

You can also add other vegetables such as the carrots you see in this picture!





Cut the red onions, garlic and some jalapeno (if you want them spicy) and add to jars.







Add the cooled brine to your jars until the vegetables are completely covered. Add lids and rings and store in the refrigerator.



The flavor is best if stored for at least one week, but they can be eaten at any time. Pickles should be good for at least 4-6 weeks after that.

