Sweet Pickle Relish

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Makes 7 half pints

Ingredients:

6 medium cucumbers

3 green and/or red sweet peppers

6 medium onions

1/4 cup pickling salt

3 cups sugar

2 cups cider vinegar

2 1/2 teaspoons celery seed

2 1/2 teaspoons mustard seed

1/2 teaspoon turmeric

Directions:

Wash cucumbers and peppers. Chop, discarding pepper stems and seeds; seed cucumbers, if desired. Measure 6 cups of cucumber and 3 cups of peppers. Peel and chop onions; measure 3 cups. Combine vegetables in a large bowl. Sprinkle with salt; add cold water to cover. Let stand, covered, at room temperature for 2 hours. Pour vegetable mixture into colander set in sink. Rinse with fresh water and drain well. In a 4-quart pot combine sugar, vinegar, celery seed, mustard seed, and turmeric. Heat to boiling. Add drained vegetables; return to boiling. Cook over medium heat, uncovered, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes or until most of the excess liquid has evaporated.

Ladle relish into hot, clean half-pint canning jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Wipe the jar rims; adjust lids. Process filled jars in a boiling-water canner for 10 minutes. Remove the jars from the canner; cool jars on racks.

Notes:

- -For best results use garden fresh ingredients! (Farm mkt or home grown)
- -l used red bell peppers, as green bell peppers have a strong flavor.
- -I used a mixture of sweet and red onions.
- -The recipe is best not doubled. Make one batch at a time.