

"Teaching research-based practices of safe home food preservation to the residents of Solano and Yolo Counties."

Spiced Cherry Jam

Yield: 6 half pints (one cup jars)

- 4 cups pitted and chopped Bing cherries (or other varieties of dark, sweet cherries)
- 6 Tablespoons Ball ® Classic Pectin
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 cup commercial lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp almond liqueur or 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring (optional)
- 4½ cups sugar
 - 1. Combine all ingredients **except** the sugar in a large 6-8-quart saucepot.
 - 2. Stirring constantly, bring the mixture to a rolling boil (one that cannot be stirred down).
 - 3. Add the sugar all at once, stirring until dissolved.
 - 4. Return the mixture to a full rolling boil. Boil for exactly 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove mixture from the heat. Skim foam, if necessary.
 - 5. Ladle jam into jars, filling within 1/4 inch of tops. Wipe rims. Adjust lids.
 - 6. Process 10 minutes in a Boiling Water Bath canner ensuring jars are covered With 2 inches of water.
 - 7. After processing, turn off heat and remove canner lid. Let the jars remain in the hot water for an additional 5 minutes. Remove the jars and place upright on a towel to cool completely away from drafts for 24 hours.

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