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EASY REFRIGERATOR DILL PICKLES

Makes 4 Jars (I quart each) / Prep time: 20 minutes, plus 12 hours refrigeration / Cook time: 0 minutes

This is an easy, no-cook pickle recipe that keeps in the refrigerator for up to 2 months, but they don't last that long at our house.

For the brine

8 cups water

I cup distilled vinegar

6 tablespoons salt

For the pickles

16 pickling cucumbers, sliced into thin rounds or in quarters

16 sprigs fresh dill

4 jalapeño or serrano peppers, sliced with seeds

4 cloves garlic, sliced

2 tablespoons pickling spice

 In a nonreactive bowl (use stainless, ceramic, or pottery, but not aluminum), mix the brine ingredients until all the salt is dissolved into the water and vinegar. Set aside.

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- Evenly divide the rest of the ingredients between the 4 jars, except the cucumber and 4 sprigs of the dill, and place them in the bottom of each jar.
- 3. Pack the cucumber slices tightly into the jars. Pour enough brine over the cucumbers to cover all the ingredients. Top each jar with I sprig of dill (see the picture at right) and screw on the lids.



4. Cover and store these in the refrigerator. They will keep for up to 2 months, but they will be ready to eat in 12 hours.