

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Eat With Relish
If You Put Up
Own Pickles, Chili



After you wash jars for canning, sterilize them by pouring hot water to fill, then empty water from them and set the jars inverted on a clean towel until ready to use.

Your family won't go without those tasty pickles, chili sauces and catsup if you put up your own supplies this summer and fall. We don't know what market conditions will be for these products during the next year, but if you have your own you won't be a slave to market conditions.

Most canning budgets will permit putting up some relishes because as a general rule, they do not require too much in the way of sweetening. If these recipes prove too generous in quantity, cut them in halves or quarters and follow instructions.

I'm including old favorites in pickles and relishes which I'm sure will add much to your personal eating pleasure during the winter. It's easy to make pickles because they have enough vinegar and spices so that you will not have to worry too much about spoilage.

Now, let's get the jars ready and make plans for canning on the next fairly cool day that comes along. I know you'll want a good supply of these two favorite pickles for next winter:

Bread and Butter Pickles.
25 large cucumbers
12 onions, sliced
1/2 cup salt

Place cucumbers in cold water and let stand until crisp. Wipe dry and slice. Add sliced onion and salt. Let stand one hour. Do not drain. Add:

1 quart vinegar with a little water
2 1/2 cups sugar
2 tablespoons mustard seed
2 tablespoons ginger root
2 tablespoons celery seed

Boil all together for 5 minutes. While hot, fill sterile jars and seal.

Sweet Mixed Pickles.

2 medium-sized heads cauliflower
2 quarts tender waxed beans
2 quarts small green beans
4 chili peppers
2 quarts tiny green cucumbers
4 large cucumbers
1 quart small white onions
1 gallon vinegar
4 pounds granulated sugar
4 small pieces horseradish root
1 tablespoon whole cloves
1 tablespoon pepper corns
1 tablespoon celery seed
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
4 bay leaves

Prepare and wash all vegetables, cut wax beans into one-inch lengths.

LYNN SAYS:

Cleaning Your Wallpaper: Non-washable wallpaper may be cleaned with special cleaners designed to remove spots and stains without wetting them.

Before attempting to clean dust the wallpaper thoroughly, then use the cleaner according to directions. Clean a strip at the baseboard first, then clean upwards with smooth, even strokes. Repeat the process, starting with in the clean strip every time. When finished, brush the walls to remove crumbs that may have accumulated.

Washable wallpapers may be cleaned by dusting the walls thoroughly, then washing in frothy suds made with a mild soap and water. Apply this with a sponge. Rinse thoroughly with another sponge dipped in clear, cold water.

Crayon marks, grease spots and smudges may be washed off with mild soapy suds, with a sponge.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS

Frankfurters Stuffed with Cheese
Hot Potato Salad
Sliced Tomatoes
Carrot Strips Celery Hearts
Hot Toasted Buns
Fresh Fruit Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Beverage

leave green beans whole. Dice cucumbers, cut peppers fine. Place beans, peppers, onions and cucumbers into enough cold salted water (1/2 cup salt to one gallon of water) to cover. Let stand overnight and drain. Separate cauliflower into small pieces. Cook 10 minutes in boiling water. Drain. Cook beans 10 minutes in boiling water, drain.

Boil sugar, spices and vinegar for 10 minutes, add vegetables and cook for another 10 minutes. Let stand until cold. Pack vegetables into sterile jars and fill with hot vinegar-spice mixture. This will make about 10 pints of pickles.

Our wartime shortages of catsup and chili sauce have made many homemakers determined to have a plentiful supply of their own. Besides, what's better than the fragrance and superior taste of these home-made delicacies?

Chili Sauce.
1/2 bushel of tomatoes
24 medium-sized onions, ground
3 green peppers, ground
3 red peppers, ground
1 large bunch celery
3 tablespoons salt
1 quart vinegar
3 pints sugar
4 tablespoons mixed spices (placed in a bag)

Cook all ingredients together until thick. Fill sterile jars and seal.

Tomato Catsup.
1 bushel ripe tomatoes
6 large red peppers
10 large onions

Wash and core tomatoes, seed peppers, peel onions and cut into pieces. Cook in their own juice until soft, then strain. This will make about 2 gallons of pulp.

2 gallons of tomato pulp
1 quart sugar
2 quarts cider vinegar
2 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Cook tomato pulp for 30 minutes. Add sugar, vinegar, salt and cinnamon. Boil until thickened, then seal in sterilized jars.

You might just as well make watermelon rind pickles because they make such a nice relish for meat courses, and they are inexpensive, too.

Watermelon Pickles.
4 pounds watermelon rind
2 quarts vinegar
1 pint water
4 1/2 pounds granulated sugar
2 tablespoons allspice
2 tablespoons whole cloves
10 2-inch pieces of cinnamon bark
Select firm rind. Trim off green skin and pink flesh. Weigh. Cut into inch cubes and soak for 2 1/2 hours in lime water. (Use 2 quarts water to 2 tablespoons lime.) Drain.



Gather all your preserving equipment together to make working efficient once you start the process of putting food in the jars.

cover with fresh water and cook 1 1/2 hours, until tender, adding more water as it boils off. Let stand in this water overnight. Drain.

Bring vinegar, water, salt, and spices (tied loosely in a cheesecloth bag) to boiling point, add the drained rind and boil gently for 2 hours or until syrup is thickened. Remove spice bag and pack hot pickles into jars and seal. Store in cool place.

Peanut loaf is as delicious as the best meat loaf and nourishing as well. Mix chopped roasted peanuts with chopped carrot or other vegetables. Bind the mixture together with a thick sauce. Bake until firm and serve with tomato sauce.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

Pretty Table Doilies Easily Made from Odd Scraps of Goods

By Ertta Haley

ONE woman whom I know has a charming home with lots of room for entertaining. It seems that no matter how often she has visitors, there are always bridge cloths or freshly laundered doilies for the table. When I asked her how she managed, she showed me a drawer full of placemats and table cloths of assorted sizes.

"My secret is that I never throw away a piece of material if there's any possible use for it," she confided. A partially worn sheet or damaged tablecloth is cut into doilies and matching napkins, embroidered or crocheted on the edge, laundered, starched and well pressed. Then they're ready for the table.

You know it's surprising how many sheets, pillow cases, tablecloths and odd pieces of material can be made into attractive luncheon or breakfast doilies. Or, they can be cut to fit smaller sized tables and used as such. It takes but a little cutting and sewing to convert these pieces of material into something really attractive and useful.

Only suitable fabrics should be used for table linens. This means that the fabric must not be too soft, as we like a semi-starched appearance in table linen. It adds neatness and crispness to the setting.

Select, if at all possible, a material that has a rough weave or linen-like finish. Something that is too closely woven is not desirable, as table linens most certainly will



Old tablecloths make nice doilies.

spot, and a close, tight weave makes it difficult to remove stains.

For informal table linens, these cottons are good to use: gingham, chambray, percale, unbleached or bleached muslin, organdy and dimity. Some of the rayons are fine too, but steer away from those that you know will not hold their shape.

Directions for Sewing, Cutting

The secret of having table mats or cloths look neat and attractive is to cut them perfectly straight. Pull a thread from the fabric to make sure the edges are straight, then fold and hem carefully. The same applies for napkins.

The edges and corners should lie flat and smooth. It doesn't take much time to baste and press to make sure you are getting everything straight and even and the time is well worth the extra effort.

Th napery hem is used on our very finest linens. For sheer placemats, you may use a small and very even seam that gives the appearance almost of a rolled hem. A whipping stitch or running hem can be used on the sheer fabrics.

On informal cotton sets, you might like to use a hem of contrasting colored thread, made in even stitches. Remember that hems show up easily once the linen is set on a table and it's important to have good, careful sewing to make it look its very best.

One of the best guides as to what should be used in decoration is to look at the new linens being shown



Conceal a patch with an applique.

to find what motifs are currently popular. You might like to use appliques in the corners of bright flower designs or South-of-the-Border prints. These add sparkle to break-

Fashion Forecast

Color will be the highlighted note of the new fashions. You can expect gay colors, muted colors with bright accents and colors designed to flatter every coloring.

Bags are in many styles to fit the most fastidious taste. Draped bags are nice for dress-up occasions, and tailored bags with interesting trimmings are good for day-time wear.

Slim Print



An afternoon dress in Bianchini's melon print designed by Joseph Halpert has a black crepe blouse with a low boat neckline, long, slimming sleeves. The softly draped skirt is accented with a black patent belt.

fast and luncheon cloths. Contrasting colored hems are very popular and are conservative enough even to please the most discriminating hostess. This may be done with a fabric of a different color added to the mat itself; or, it may be in the form of a bias tape used for finishing the edges.

Use Your Ingenuity in Decorations

Feather-stitching is very popular on the very simple doilies, and gay-colored ric rac is always welcome.

A simple crochet stitch often adds newness to doilies, and this may be worked out in white or in other colors that combine well with your dishes and accessories.

For formal doilies—such as you might want to use when entertaining—stay with the simple designs like bands, panels or classic designs. A band might be run through the middle, but choose its width carefully so that it does not look like patchwork. Always miter the corners carefully so that the placemat will lie flat on the table.

If your machine has an edge stitcher, it will be easy to insert lace bands to run around the doily. This gives particularly fine effects on the sheer materials like dimity and organdy.

For decorative stitching on the machine, use the durable buttonhole twist or yarn. This washes and irons beautifully and is just the right weight to give an excellent line when stitching. Mark and measure where you want to stitch before starting out on the machine.

If you make good flat-fell seams on your doilies, they can often be used on both sides. They will also launder and wear much better than if you are haphazard in doing the seams.

Table Linen Tips

Unbleached or semi-bleached muslin bleaches quickly in washing and is an economical buy for table linen. Usually this fabric has a rough weave and more stiffness which is desirable in making good table lin.

Single and double damask are often confusing to the new buyer of household linen. This simply means that single damask has fewer threads to the inch than double damask, and thus the former has a more loose weave. It is cheaper and less good quality.

When making or buying a tablecloth, make sure it hangs evenly on all sides; otherwise it will give the table a lop-sided appearance.

Crocheting should be used with care and discrimination. If too coarse, gaudy or over-crocheted, the piece will have a messy appearance in spite of the work put into it. Simple edgings are always in good taste.

If a cigarette hole has burned into a luncheon cloth—particularly if it is near the edge, use an applique flower or fruit design over it, and no one will know the difference.

Look for natural shantung and nylon fabrics for those smart town wear dresses. They both drape nicely to give good lines in this type of dress.

If you lean towards the practical, select at least one good suit for the coming months. You'll find short-waisted models for the shortie, and longer length jackets for the slender and willowy.

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERNS

Well-Fitting Gown in Large Sizes Daytime Frock Is Easy to Make



Cool Nightie
ESPECIALLY nice for the slightly larger figure is this neat and delightfully cool night dress. Narrow lace makes a pretty design to match the flattering sweetheart neckline. The back is slit to the waist and there's a narrow belt to tie. Use a colorful all-over print with crisp white trimming.

Pattern No. 1529 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36, 3 1/2 yards of 35 or 39-inch; 1 1/2 yards narrow lace.



Just the Thing

"I want to buy that book in the window called, 'How to Captivate Men,' said the little girl to the book clerk.

"Why, that's not the sort of book for you," he said, looking dubiously at the child. "What do you want it for?"

"For my Daddy. He's a policeman."

Enough Is Enough

"Aren't you glad now," said father, "that you prayed for a baby sister?" "Yes," replied Tommy, after another glance at the twins. "And aren't you glad I only prayed twice?"

New definition of a pacifist: A man who can take part in a peace conference without getting into a fight.

Another Miss

"I don't like your heart action," said the doctor to the young man. "But, of course, you've had previous trouble with angina pectoris." The youth heaved a deep sigh. "Yes, doctor, I have," he replied: "but you haven't got her name quite right."

Beginner's Dress

JUST two main pattern pieces for this charming daytime frock that closes just below the waist. Makes easy sewing for the beginner. Dropped shoulders accent a trim, neat waist, soft gathers and a bow tie give a dainty feminine air. Certain to win you many compliments.

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