



Strawberry-Rhubarb Jelly

- 1 ½ pounds red stalks of rhubarb
- 1 ½ quarts ripe strawberries
- ½ teaspoon butter or margarine to reduce foaming (optional)
- 6 cups sugar
- 6 ounces liquid pectin

Yield: About 7 half-pints

1. Wash hands with soap and water. Wash and cut rhubarb into 1-inch pieces and blend or grind. Wash, stem, and crush strawberries, one layer at a time, in a saucepan. Place both fruits in a jelly bag or double layer of cheesecloth and gently squeeze out juice. Measure 3 ½ cups of juice into a large saucepan. Add butter and sugar, thoroughly mixing into juice. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Immediately stir in pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly.
2. Remove from heat, quickly skim off foam, and fill hot sterile jars leaving ¼-inch headspace. Wipe jar rims with a dampened clean paper towel. Adjust lids and process in a boiling water bath or steam canner according to [Table 2](#). Wait 5 minutes before removing jars from canner.

Rhubarb-Strawberry Jam with liquid pectin

- **1 cup cooked** red-stalked rhubarb (about 1 pound rhubarb and ¼ cup water)
- 2½ cups crushed strawberries (about 1½ quart boxes)
- 6½ cups sugar
- 1 pouch liquid pectin

Yield: About 7 or 8 half-pint jars

Please read [Using Boiling Water Canners](#) before beginning. If this is your first time canning, it is recommended that you read [Principles of Home Canning](#).

Procedure: [Sterilize canning jars](#) and prepare two-piece canning lids according to manufacturer's directions.

To prepare fruit. Wash rhubarb and slice thin or chop; do not peel. Add water, cover, and simmer until rhubarb is tender (about 1 minute). Sort and wash fully ripe strawberries; remove stems and caps. Crush berries.

To make jam. Measure prepared rhubarb and strawberries into a kettle. Add sugar and stir well. Place on high heat and, stirring constantly, bring quickly to a full boil with bubbles over the entire surface. Boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in pectin. Skim.

Fill hot jam immediately into hot, sterile jars, leaving ¼ inch headspace. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in a **Boiling Water Canner**.

Table 2. Recommended process time for **Strawberry Jam** in a boiling water canner.

| Style of Pack | Jar Size | Process Time at Altitudes of | | |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | 0 - 1,000 ft | 1,001 - 6,000 ft | Above 6,000 ft |
| Hot | Half-pints or Pints | 5 min | 10 | 15 |

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