



# Preserve Today, Relish Tomorrow

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The perfect accompaniment for cold Thai rice paper spring rolls, this sauce is also delicious with any deep-fried Asian appetizer, such as egg rolls and potstickers, chicken balls or wontons. It's also delicious with grilled chicken, and the addition of a tablespoon or two perks up classic oil-and-vinegar salad dressings. More ideas - in a stir fry, over fried rice, and great for lettuce wraps.

Your holiday nibbles do not have to be the same ol' veggie tray and cheese board. Mix it up a little and serve some Asian themes appetizers. We all love them!

### *Thai Dipping Sauce*

Yield: about 9 half-pint jars

- ½ cup finely chopped garlic
- 1 Tbsp. pickling salt
- 6 cups cider vinegar
- 6 cups sugar
- ½ cup hot pepper flakes

Combine garlic and salt. Set aside.

Heat vinegar in a stainless steel saucepan. Add sugar, stirring until dissolved. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add garlic mixture and hot pepper flakes.

Ladle hot sauce into hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace, if necessary, by adding hot sauce. Wipe rim. Center lid on jar and screw band down until resistance is met, then increase to fingertip tight.



Process half-pint jars in a boiling water bath or atmospheric steam canner for: 0-1000 ft. = 15 minutes, 1001-6000 ft. = 20 minutes, above 6000 ft. = 25 minutes. Before removing canner lid, wait 5 minutes for boiling water or 2-3 minutes for steam canner, then remove jars, cool, and store.

Source: *Ball Complete Book of Home Preservation, 2006/2012*

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