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1 package powdered pectin
8 cups sugar

- 1. Sterilize canning jars by boiling for 10 minutes at altitudes of less than 1,000 feet. At higher elevations, boil jars 1 additional minute for each additional 1,000 feet elevation.
- 2. Sort and wash fully ripe strawberries; remove stems and caps. Crush berries.
- 3. Measure crushed strawberries into a kettle.
- 4. Add pectin and stir well. Place on high heat and, stirring constantly, bring quickly to a full boil with bubbles over the entire surface.
- 5. Add sugar, continue stirring, and heat again to a full bubbling boil. Boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly.
- 6. Remove from heat; skim foam if necessary.
- 7. Pour hot jam immediately into hot, sterile jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Wipe rims with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids.
- 8. Process half-pint jars in a boiling water or atmospheric steam canner for 5 minutes at 0-1,000 feet elevation, 10 minutes at 1,001-6,000 feet, and 15 minutes above 6,000 feet.

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