CHECKLIST FOR MAKING BLACKBERRY JAM

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ASSEMBLE EQUIPMENT:

- Water bath canner with rack
- Canning jar lifter
- Towel
- Small stockpot (12 quart)
- Silicone spatula or long-handled spoon
- Ladle
- 8 half-pint canning jars with rings and lids
- Chopstick or bamboo skewer
- Infrared or candy thermometer

ASSEMBLE INGREDIENTS:

- 9 cups of blackberries
- 6 cups of sugar

NOTES:

DIRECTIONS TO MAKE JAM:

- Fill water bath canner, cover with lid, and start heating over a medium burner.
- Run jars through dishwasher's sanitize cycle, or boil 10 minutes in pot of hot water, then keep hot.
- Combine blackberries and sugar in a deep pot.
- Heat over medium heat stirring and crushing berries frequently.
- Bring jam to a boil.
- Continue boiling and stirring until jam thickens. Check for temperature of 220°F.
- Remove jam from heat.

THREE WAYS TO STORE:

- Cool and refrigerate for 2 to 3 weeks.
- Put in freezer safe containers and freeze for up to 1 year.
- Water bath can for 1 to 2 year shelf life.

TO WATER BATH CAN:

- Ladle hot jam into hot jars.
- Check for 1/4" headspace.
- Use a chopstick or non-metallic utensil to remove air bubbles.
- Wipe rims with damp paper towel or dishcloth.
- Cover jar with a lid.
- Screw the ring on until you feel resistance, then tighten a bit more.
- Put jars in water bath canner.
- Put lid on water bath canner.
- Bring water to a boil.
- Boil 10 minutes.
- Remove lid and let sit for 5 minutes, turned off.
- Pull jars out & place on towel.
- Leave undisturbed 24 hours.

