Dilly Beans

Yield: 4 pints

2 lbs green beans, trimmed

4 heads dill

12 whole peppercorns

4 cloves garlic
¼ cup salt
2 ½ cups vinegar
2 ½ cups water

Optional: Up to 1-2 chilies per jar (or omit)

Method:

Pack beans length wise into hot jars, leaving ¼ inch head space. To each pint add chilies, if desired. Add one clove garlic, 3 whole peppercorns, and one head of dill to each jar. Combine remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour boiling hot mixture over beans, leaving ¼ inch head space. Remove air bubbles. Adjust cap. Process jars in boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

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