#### PEACH AND PEAR JAM

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#### STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

Yield: about 9 medium glasses (4½ lbs. preserves)

- 5 cups whole strawberries (about 1½ qts. ripe small to medium strawberries)
- 7 cups (3 lbs.) sugar
- 4 cup lemon juice (2 lemons)
- 1/2 bottle liquid fruit pectin

Hull about 1½ quarts fully ripe small to medium strawberries. Measure 5 cups whole berries (firmly packed without crushing) into a very large saucepan. Add sugar. Place over high heat and bring to a boil, stirring carefully to keep fruit whole. Remove from heat and let stand at room temperature 4 to 5 hours.

Squeeze the juice from 2 medium-sized lemons. Measure \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup into saucepan with fruit. Place over high heat, bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 2 minutes, stirring carefully. Remove from heat and at once stir in fruit pectin. Skim off foam with metal spoon. Then stir and skim by turns for 8 to 10 minutes to cool slightly, to prevent floating fruit. Ladle quickly into glasses. Cover preserves at once with % inch hot paraffin.

we folks know that Grandma Moses won awards and ribbons for her jams and jellies long before her paintings were acclaimed, yet long years ago she went to the county fair, entering both paintings and jars of her jellies and jams and while pictures were ignored, her jams captured the ribbons.

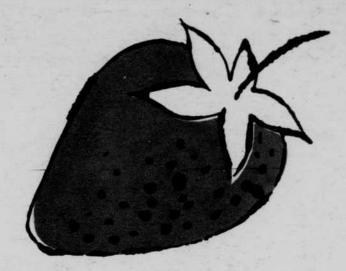
Perhaps none of us will ever be another Grandma Moses, but from the moment rhubarb begins popping out of the sunny soil, we begin our own puttering around with our jellies and jams, combining a bit of this and a bit of that and through these combinations we actually produce some mighty original sweet spreads, for there's a bit of the creative instinct in each of us.

Those of you who remember your grandmother's Rhubarb Conserve will enjoy making it the short boil way with commercial pectin, or you may combine rhubarb and strawberries in jam.

Once we get into strawberries there are endless possibilities: Strawberry Preserves for instance, so yummy on fresh baked bread, while another idea is to add chopped almonds to Strawberry Jam for a very special touch. In making this, add almond extract and about % cup chopped blanched almonds to your recipe for jam. Another treat is Strawberry Marmalade, so tasty for snacks!

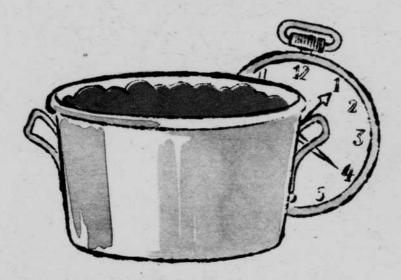
Cherries follow next and here we can combine cherries and gooseberries in a jelly that's a bit on the tart side. Again there's no end to the things we can do with blueberries, grapes, plums, peaches, pears and apples in combinations. Ginger and Peach Jam proves a conversation piece at any meal.

We may not all be a Grandma Moses when it comes to painting, but we certainly can express ourselves in a medley of sweet spreads!



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