Relishes To Make For Gifts

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Now is the time to think
ahead and get an early start
on some special gifts for
Christmas. It seems like we
never have enough time to
prepare things we would like
to do in November, so why
not start now?

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Big thing among aproned
Santas is the homemade pickle, the offbeat relish, chutney or conserve. There is a
special warmth about such
gitts, plus more than a touch
of sophistication—especially
when they are bedecked with
our easy to-make pop-art
wrappings.

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Containers can be anything
—a pickle jar, old or new; an
odd goblet; a pretty glass;
that bridge-prize bowl you
never use.

Make felt Santas and rein-eer to trim them.

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To make hais for relish jars, buy a package of fell in assoried colors at the dime store and gather to gether some scraps of white fake fur, pompons, matching hutlons for eyes, shirt cardboard, needle and thread and fabric glue.

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To make reindeer, first cut antlers, two in felt, two in shirt cardboard, and glue felt to cardboard. Next cut out face and two ears in felt, then a nose. Finally, cut out a 9½ by 4½ inch oblong of felt and center face triangle on it, keeping top edge of the control of the control

of oblong.

Sew down; tack ears at corners of face triangle. Tack nose and attach pompon. Place button eyes. Attach antlers securely to back of oblong with a whip stitch. Tie around jar with colored atring.

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To make Sania Claus, cut out a white false fur heard, a pink felt face. Then cut a 1½ by 3% inch strip of white fur and out of red felt cut a rectangle 3% by 4% inches and a triangle 3% inches wide at base and 9 inches high. Overlap rectangle with base of triangle and silich logether.

Next tack on beard, face with pompon nose and button eyes and stitch white fur strip directly across top of face. Then, with face side up, bring long edges together, stitch, turn inside out, and tack a pompon at the top.

All these recipes call for standard 8 aounce preserving jars, the kind with caps that grew on. But you can use any jars or glasses that you like. Just be sure that you have enough of them, and that you sterilize them before using.

Seal all relishes at once with melted paraffin or cap according to manufacturer's directions.

CUCUMBER PICKLE
STICKS
For these sticks, pickling time is any time all through the year. However, now that they are in season, you can take advantage of the lower cost. Select slender, streamlined cucumbers and wash well to remove any paraffin well to remove any paraffin or sprays. Do not peel.

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 5-8 large cucumbers
 4 cups white cider vinegar
 14 c. sait
 2 bay leaves
 1 clove garlic, peeled and
 cut in half
 1 t. pickling spice
 1 t. whole mustard seed

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8 (30.2) jars, sterilized
Paraffin, or 8 lids for jars
Wash and dry cucumbers.
Cut into strips about 12 inch
thick and 312 inches long.
Pack upright in 8 (30.2) hot
sterilized jars.
In a large saucepan heat
white cider vinegar with sait.
Tie bay leaves, peeled garlic
(cut in half), pickling spice
and whole mustard seed in
cheesecloth, and drop into
salted vinegar. Cover and
simmer five minutes. Remove
bag of spices and discard,
Bring vinegar to a rolling
boil. Pour immediately over
urcumbers. Make sure there
are no air pockets, then seal or cap. Let stand one week before using. Once opened, keep refrigerated, and use within three weeks.



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