

Do Chua Vietnamese Daikon and Carrot Pickle

Do Chua is traditionally served in Vietnamese street sandwiches called Banh Mi. It is a slightly sweet pickle of daikon radishes and carrots. This pickle can be a great addition to many dishes or enjoyed right out of the jar. Here is a kid-friendly version that even the fussiest eaters will love!

Note: Pay particular attention to steps 4 and 5 below. This is the start of the pickling process. The flavor of the vegetables will improve over time.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large carrot, peeled and cut into 1/8 inch square and 3 inch long strips
- 1 pound daikon radishes, peeled and cut into 1/8 inch square and 3 inch long strips
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons plus 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/4 cups distilled white vinegar
- 1 cup lukewarm water

DIRECTIONS

- Place the cut carrots and daikon radish in a bowl with the salt and 2 teaspoons of sugar. Massage for 3 minutes, or until the vegetables can easily bend.
- 2. Drain and rinse the vegetables under cold water in a colander.
- 3. Transfer the vegetables to a 1quart jar.
- 4. To make the brine, in a bowl, combine the 1/2 cup sugar, the vinegar, and the water and stir to dissolve the sugar.
- Pour over the vegetables. The brine should cover the vegetables. Let the vegetables marinate in the brine for at least 1 hour before eating.
- 6. They will keep in the refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.