

Ingredients

- 1.5kg quinces
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Water
- White sugar

GOLDEN QUINCE JELLY

With so many quinces on hand, I couldn't resist making a batch of this gorgeous, jeweltoned jelly. It's a simple, old-style preserve that captures the delicate flavour and fragrance of the fruit perfectly.

Instructions

- Prep the quinces by rubbing them with a clean tea towel to remove their natural fuzz. Rinse well, then chop into chunks about 2.5cm in size. (I have also left them whole.)
- Place the quince pieces into a large pot along with the lemon juice. Add enough water to completely cover the fruit.
- Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and let it gently simmer until the quinces are soft and tender.
- 4. Strain the mixture first through a colander to remove the pulp. Then, strain the resulting juice through a sieve lined with a double layer of muslin or a clean pillowcase if you don't have muslin.
- 5. Measure the liquid, and for every cup of juice, add an equal cup of sugar.
- 6. Return to the heat and boil rapidly for about 20-30 minutes, or until the jelly reaches setting point. Tip: Test for a set by placing a small spoonful on a cold saucer. Pop it in the fridge for a couple of minutes — if it wrinkles slightly when pushed, it's ready.
- 7. Pour the hot jelly into warm, sterilised jars and seal straight away. It's ready to enjoy as soon as it cools, and should be refrigerated after opening.