Kimchi-Homemade

This recipe makes about 12 cups



Ingredients

2 napa cabbage
2-3 daikon radish
2 bunches green onions
4 carrots
150 grams of ginger root
12 garlic cloves
¼-½ cup Korean red pepper
½ cup kosher salt
½ cup fish sauce
2 asian pears or 2 apple

Directions:

- 1. Cut the end off the napa cabbage in half the long way, take each half, and cut that long way again. Take each ¼ and cut into 1" pieces. Repeat for both cabbages and add to a large mixing bowl
- 2. Cover the cabbage with at least ½ cup of kosher salt and massage, squeeze, and mix the salt thoroughly into the cabbage (this will pull the moisture out for fermentation) Let this sit for 1 to 1½ hours
- 3. Dice green onions into ¹/₂" pieces and julienne carrots to garnish style strips 1-2" long
- 4. Dice daikon radish into large julienne style garnish 1-2" similar to carrots
- 5. To make the paste, peel the ginger root and slice into smaller pieces, and add to a food processor. Add cloves of garlic, quartered pears or apples and fish sauce and blend to smooth
- 6. Transfer to a bowl and mix in pepper flakes (this can get extremely hot!)
- 7. After the cabbage has had time to sit, transfer to a colander and rinse most or all of the salt off. This may require some mixing while rinsing
- 8. Mix all ingredients and paste together in a large bowl
- 9. Using the Food Funnel, add the mixture to a mason jar and compact down ingredients so all are submerged in liquid
- 10. Cap loosely to allow air to escape and let sit for 4-7 days at room temperature. (taste at 4 days to check flavor preference)
- 11. When it's to your taste preference, screw the lid completely on to stop fermentation. This will store in the mason jar refrigerated for several months as is until freeze drying
- 12. Add parchment paper to trays
- 13. Add Kimchi to your trays
- 14. Pre Freeze when possible
- 15. Freeze dry (my cycle time was 39 hours)
- 16. Store in jars for short-term use or in mylar bags for long-term storage

Rehydration:

We recommend rehydrating an entire tray. Add one tray or about 6-8 cups of freeze-dried kimchi to a large mason jar and add 3-3 ½ cups of water. Rotate the jar frequently over the next 10-20 minutes until rehydrated.

Nutritional Value Per 1 cup pre-freeze-dried

Calories 77 Carbohydrates 17 g Protein 3 g Fat 0 g Sugar 8 g Fiber 4 g