

JULIA CHILDS BAKED CUCUMBERS

Ingredients

6 cucumbers about 8-inches long
2 Tbsp wine vinegar
1-½ tsp salt
1/8 tsp sugar
3 Tbsp butter, melted
½ tsp dill or basil
3 to 4 Tbsp green onions, minced
1/8 tsp black pepper

Directions

Peel the cucumbers. Cut in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds with a spoon. Cut into lengthwise strips about 3/8-inch wide. Cut the strips into 2-inch pieces.

Toss the cucumbers in a bowl with the vinegar, salt, and sugar. Let stand for at least 30 minutes or for several hours. Drain. Pat dry in a towel.

Preheat oven to 375F.

Toss the cucumbers in a baking dish with the butter, dill or basil, onions, and pepper. Set uncovered in the middle level of preheated oven for about an hour, tossing 2 or 3 times, until cucumbers are tender but still have the suggestion of crispness and texture. They will barely color during cooking.

*Set aside uncovered. Reheat before serving.