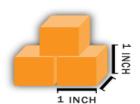
## Pressure Canning Pumpkin



1 Pumpkins should have a hard rind and stringless, mature pulp. Small size pumpkins make a better product.



2 Wash and remove seeds, cut into inchwide slices, and peel.



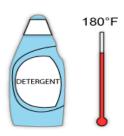
3 Cut flesh into inch-wide cubes. USDA doesn't recommend mashing or pureeing them. Processing time for those methods isn't determined for home use.



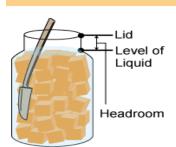
4 Boil the pumpkin cubes in water for two minutes.



5 Don't use old, dented or deformed lids. Make sure the sealing gasket is functioning well.



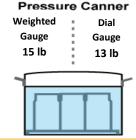
**6** Wash the jars and lids in hot water with detergent before use. Submerge the jars in hot water (180°F), and keep them hot until use.



7 Use a flat plastic spatula to remove air bubbles. Adjust the headroom to 1 to 1.25 inches.



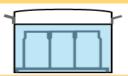
8 Clean the jar rim, place the preheated lid and push the gasket down onto it. Then fit the metal screw band over the flat lid.



Set process pressure as
Indicated by elevation

Keep pressure at or slightly above required amount.

pressure – pints 55 min. quarts 90 min.



10 Start reading time after reaching required pressure. Wait for 55 minutes if using pint jars; quart jars need 90 minutes.



11 Cool the jars at room temperature for 12 to 24 hours. Test jar seals by pressing the lid or tapping lid with a spoon (listen for a high pitch sound).



12 Remove screw bands. Label and date the jars and store them in a clean, cool (below 95°F), dark and dry place.

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