# **Holiday Gift Ideas & Meal Ideas**

## Fig, Red Wine and Rosemary Jam

1-1/2 cups merlot or other fruity red wine

2 Tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves

- 2 cups finely chopped fresh figs
- 3 Tablespoons Ball® Classic Pectin
- 2 Tablespoons bottled lemon juice
- 2-1/2 cups sugar
- 1. Bring wine and rosemary to a simmer in a small stainless steel or enameled saucepan. Turn off heat; cover and steep 30 minutes.
- 2. Pour wine through a fine wire-mesh strainer into a 4-quart stainless steel or enameled saucepan. Discard rosemary. Stir in figs, pectin, and lemon juice. Bring mixture to a full rolling boil that cannot be stirred down, over high heat, stirring constantly.
- 3. Add sugar, stirring to dissolve. Return mixture to a full rolling boil. Boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Skim foam, if necessary.
- 4. Ladle hot jam into a hot jar, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Wipe rims. Apply lids and rings.
- 5. Process half-pint jars in a boiling water or atmospheric steam canner for 10 minutes at 0-1,000 feet, 15 minutes at 1,001-6,000 feet, and 20 minutes above 6,000 feet.

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Yield: about 4 half-pint jars

### Meal Ideas

- Puffed Pastry Stuffed with Brie & Fig Jam
- Spread over goat cheese
- Sweeten up a savory sandwich
- Homemade Fig Newtons
- Substitute it for half of the mashed banana in banana bread
- Homemade Pop Tart

# **Puffed Pastry Stuffed Brie with Fig Jam**

½ of a 17.3-ounce package Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet), thawed according to package directions

1 (8-ounce) Brie cheese round

1 jar of Fig, Red Wine, Rosemary Jam

1 egg

1 tablespoon water

- 1. Heat oven to 400°F. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place puff pastry on the covered baking sheet and unwrap.
- 2. Place brie on the middle of the puff pastry. Add 3/4 to one full bottle of fig jam on top of the brie. Wrap the puff pastry and seal any open sides.
- 3. Mix egg and water in a small bowl. Using a pastry brush, brush egg wash on puff pastry. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown. Allow the baked brie to rest for 15 to 20 minutes before cutting open and serving with crackers.

# **Homemade Pop-Tart**

4 servings

1 can (8 oz) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls Your favorite jam or jelly Cream cheese

- 1. Heat oven to 375°F.
- Unroll dough; separate at perforations, press two triangles together at seams, creating 4 rectangles.
- Spread a tablespoon of cream cheese and several tablespoons of jam in the center of each rectangle.
- 4. Fold and pinch edges to enclose jam.
- Bake 13-15 minutes or until golden brown on a cookie sheet. Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Serve warm.