

# Garlic Pickle Recipe / Poondu Oorugai / How to make Garlic Pickle



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I always make pickles at home instead of buying them from stores. It is a important condiment in all Indian kitchen. Method of making garlic pickle may vary from one home to other home. Here I made this garlic pickle in south Indian style. This is my mom's recipe. This pickle is very simple to make, if the garlic is peeled and ready. It goes well with chapathi or any variety rice and [yogurt rice](#). Also check my other pickle recipes [Lemon Pickle](#) and [Instant Mango Pickle](#)

## **Ingredients**

1 cup of Big Garlic Cloves, approximately 50 cloves  
4 Tsp of Red Chilly Powder  
3 Tbsp of Lemon Juice  
1/2 Tsp of Turmeric Powder  
2 Tsp of Mustard Seeds  
1 Tsp of Urad Dal  
5 Tbsp of Gingelly Oil / Indian Sesame Oil  
1/2 Tsp of Asafoetida  
1/2 Tsp of Roasted Fenugreek Powder  
Pinch of Jaggery  
Salt to Taste

### Method

- Heat a pan/skillet, dry roast the 1/2 tsp of fenugreek until it changes color. Powder it in a spice grinder or mortar & pestle.
- Heat a pan /skillet, add mustard seeds, urad dal, asafoetida, after it splutters, add the garlic cloves, fry them for 2-3 mins, in a medium flame, until it turns soft, in a low flame, add turmeric powder, salt and red chilly powder, fry well for 1-2 mins. Do not burn the spices in this stage, be careful !!! Finally add the roasted fenugreek powder and jaggery, mix well and turn off the stove.
- Add lemon juice to the pickle and mix well. Let it cool down for 1-2 hour and then transfer this pickle to the clean, sterilized glass jar.
- Let the pickle be, in shelf for 5 days and then eat it because you are giving time for the garlic to absorb all the spices, oil and salt. By the end of 5th day, flavorful homemade garlic pickle is ready to enjoy with [curd \(yogurt\) rice](#) or any [upma](#) or any variety rice dishes or dal rice.
- Refrigerate it, it will stay good for a month.



### Tips

- Adjust the amount of salt and red chilly powder according to your taste.
- You can also use kosher salt instead of using the normal fine salt.
- More oil you add, the more the shelf life of the pickle.
- You can also add roasted mustard seed powder along with roasted fenugreek powder for a different twist to the taste.
- Always use dry spoon to take out the pickle.
- Lemon juice gives a tangy taste to the dish.
- Always add lemon juice to the pickle, after you turn off the flame.

### Health Benefits of Garlic

- Anti-bacterial, anti-clotting and anti-viral properties.
- Treat skin infections.
- Boosts your immune system.
- Lowers the cholesterol, blood pressure and atherosclerosis.
- Good for weight loss.
- Prevents cancer.



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## [Lemon Pickle Recipe – South](#)

# Indian Style



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Lemon pickle / Elumichampazham Oorukkai (Tamil) is a basic and important condiment available in all Indian kitchen. Making pickles is an affordable and practical method of preserving lemons for a long term usage. Ingredients and method of making pickles may vary from one home to other home. This is my mom's recipe. This is the first time I made this pickle and the outcome was really tasty and more flavorful. I always prefer homemade pickles because they are less in sodium, no preservatives added and also cost effective. It

goes well with [yogurt rice](#) . If you get lemons then you should try this recipe, it is not only tastes yummy, also it cools the body and fight against infections. Also check this recipe [Mango Pickle](#).

## Ingredients

- 4 Lemons, Big
- 1/2 Tsp of Turmeric Powder
- 3-4 Tsp of Salt

## To Temper

- 5 Tbsp of Indian Sesame Oil / Gingelly Oil
- 2 Tsp of Mustard Seeds
- 1 Tsp of Urad Dal
- 1/4 Tsp of Hing / Asafoetida
- 4 Tsp of Red Chilly Powder or Cayenne Pepper
- 1/2 Tsp of Fenugreek powder, Dry Roasted

## Method

- Wash and wipe the lemons with cloth /paper towel, there should not be any moisture on the lemons. Cut them into big pieces (1 lemon = 8 pieces) and remove the seeds.
- In a bowl, mix the chopped lemons, turmeric powder and salt, with a spoon.
- Put this mixed lemons in a clean, sterilized glass bottles, or ceramic bowl with a lid and leave it aside for 5 -7 days. During this period, place the glass bottle in hot sun for 1 hour daily, also stir the mixture daily to avoid fungal contamination because by this time, lemons would ooze out lot of juices, by dissolving the salt, changes color and the skin becomes so soft.
- After 7 days, we need to add the tempering to the lemon mixture.
- For that, heat a pan/skillet, dry roast 1/2 tsp of

- fenugreek until it changes color. Powder it in a spice grinder or mortar & pestle.
- Heat oil in a pan /skillet, add mustard seeds, urad dal, asafoetida, after it splutter, add the lemon mixture and red chilly powder, mix well with the temperings and saut'e for 2 mins. Finally add the roasted fenugreek powder, mix well and turn off the stove. Let it cool down for 1 hour and then transfer this pickle to the glass jar.
  - Homemade Lemon pickle is ready to enjoy with [curd \(yogurt\)](#) [rice](#) or any [upma](#) or any variety rice dishes.



**Tips**

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### **Health Benefits of Lemon**

- Lemon being a citrus fruit, fights against infection.
- Rich in antioxidants.
- Lemon lowers blood pressure and increases the levels of HDL (good cholesterol) .
- Lemon is found to be anti-carcinogenic.
- Lemon juice is said to give a glow to the skin.





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