

Make this sandwich for the next picnic and they will be quite popular. These sandwiches are great for those small old fashioned tea party.

## Watercress-Cucumber Tea Sandwiches

For these sandwiches, the bread should be thin.

If preparing in advance, cover the sandwiches loosely with wax paper, drape a damp kitchen towel over the wax paper, and refrigerate to prevent them from drying out. Prepare the sandwiches as close to serving time as possible.

- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 bunch watercress leaves (stems completely removed), finely chopped
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 8 slices best quality white bread, preferably thinly sliced

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1. In a bowl, place the cucumbers with the salt. Let stand for 30 minutes. Pat dry with paper towels.
2. In a bowl, combine the watercress and cream cheese.
3. Spread one side of 4 slices of bread lightly with the cream cheese mixture. Top with sliced cucumbers and then another slice of bread.
4. Trim the crusts off sandwiches with a sharp knife, and cut each diagonally into quarters.



Buying cucumbers pick ones that have bright skin and are firm and smooth. Make sure there are no signs of shriveling or soft spots. Refrigerate in a plastic bag with holes poked in it for up to five days.

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