

Easy Cocktail Recipes



# LEMONGRASS, MINT, GINGER AND KAFFIR LIME **SYRUP**

A deliciously refreshing and lightly perfumed syrup. Use it in a spritz, drizzle over pancakes or enjoy in cocktails.

SERVINGS: 2 PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

#### INGREDIENTS

## DIRECTIONS

2 cups sugar 2 cups water zest and juice of 3 large limes 2 lemongrass stalks white part only, halved 4 slices, coin-sized, of ginger 1 big handful kaffir lime leaves, roughly torn

1 big handful of mint leaves

Add the water and sugar to a large saucepan and stir well. Add the remaining ingredients and place over a medium heat. Stir until all of the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and leave for a couple of hours to infuse. Strain and decant into sterilised bottles.

# MULLED SPARKLING APPLE CIDER

Beat the winter blues with this gorgeous fragrant homemade sugar-free Mulled Apple Cider recipe which tastes just like apple pie!

#### SERVINGS: 2 PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES

#### INGREDIENTS

1 liter (4 cups) unsweetened apple juice

3 cardamom pods, bruised

4 allspice berries

2 cinnamon sticks

1/2 star anise

3 peppercorns

1 piece peeled orange rind, roughly 2

inches long

2 pinches of ground nutmeg

1 liter (4 cups) sparkling water

ice

slices apple and rosemary sprigs, for garnish

## DIRECTIONS

**01.** Place the apple juice and spices in a saucepan over a medium heat. Bring to a simmer and reduce to low. Simmer for 20 to 30 minutes until the juice has reduced by almost half. Remove from the heat and leave until completely cool.

**02.** Pour the mulled apple juice into a jug and add the apple slices, ice and sparkling (soda) water. Add sprigs of rosemary to the serving glasses and serve.



TEQUILA MOJITO COCKTAIL

# **BLACKBERRY-GINGER GIN COCKTAIL**

This Blackberry-Ginger Gin Cocktail is bursting with flavor from blackberries, basil, and ginger beer – and you won't believe how quick and easy this is to make!

SERVINGS: 1 PREP TIME: 2 MINUTES COOK TIME: 3 MINUTES

#### INGREDIENTS

## 1 1/2 oz Gin

1 oz Simple Syrup

3 oz Ginger Beer

4 Blackberries fresh

2 Basil leaves fresh

Extra basil leaves for

garnish

## **DIRECTIONS**

**01.** Place blackberries in a drinking glass.

**02.** Tear basil leaves into small pieces, and add to the glass with the blackberries.

**03.** Use a muddler to gently smush the blackberries and basil.

**04.** Add Simple Syrup and gin.

**05.** Add ice cubes, if desired.

**06.** Top off glass with the ginger beer.

**07.** Stir gently and serve.

# **TEQUILA MOJITO COCKTAIL**

This tequila mojito is like vacation in a glass. The combination of good aged tequila, mint, and sugary syrup are completely irresistible. You won't believe the difference tequila makes to this classic cocktail.

SERVINGS: 2 PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES

### INGREDIENTS

# lbig handful of fresh mint lleaves

1 1/2 limes quartered

30 ml simple syrup (1 oz)

60 ml Patron Anejo or

other Reposado or Anejo

Tequila (2 oz)

2 cups ice cubes

soda water

sprigs of mint for garnish

### DIRECTIONS

- **01.** Place the ice cubes, mint leaves, Tequila and simple syrup in the blender or cocktail shaker. Squeeze in the juice from the limes and divide the limes between each glass. Blend or shake until well combined. Divide between the glasses and top with soda water and sprigs of mint.
- **02.** To make the simple syrup, place 1 cup of sugar and 1 cup of water in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and simmer until the sugar is dissolved. Remove from the heat and let cool completely before decanting into a sterilised bottle. Refrigerate for up to 1 month.



# AMARETTO SOUR COCKTAIL

An Amaretto Sour cocktail is a delicious combination of lemon juice and almond liqueur. It is the perfect pre-dinner cocktail to whet your appetite.

**SERVINGS**: 2 **PREP TIME**: 10 MINUTES

# INGREDIENTS

120 mls Amaretto
60 mls freshly
squeezed lemon
juice
30 mls maple syrup
ice
sparkling water
lemon peel for
garnish
a dash of bitters, optional

#### DIRECTIONS

**01.** Place the Amaretto, lemon juice, maple syrup and ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake well to combine.

**02.** Strain through a cocktail strainer and divide between 2 lowball glasses. Top with sparkling water a dash of bitters and a wedge of lemon and lemon peel.