

CRAFTY COCKTAILS FOR WARM SUMMER DAYS

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Around Christmas, I ordered a fancy cocktail set with the anticipation of perfecting my favorite cocktail (the mojito) and serving up beautiful concoctions. Unfortunately, like many things purchased on a whim, the set has sat in a cupboard since arriving on my doorstep. If you too have a fancy cocktail set collecting dust, now is a great time to break out the shakers, jiggers, strainers and all that barware that you've tucked away and serve up some icy, crafty cocktails of your own.

Mint julep

The iconic drink of those porches and horse races is mostly ice, meaning that on a sweltering summer day (or a sudden jump in spring temperatures that make it feel sweltering), the bourbon-focused drink is a refreshing addition.

Ingredients

- Eight to 10 mint leaves, depending on preference
- ¼ ounces simple syrup
- Two shots bourbon



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LEFT: Mint julep. ABOVE: Berry-infused rum. BELOW: A berry mojito.

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- Crushed ice
- Mint sprig to garnish

Directions

In a julep cup or rocks glass, muddle the mint gently with the simple syrup. Add the bourbon and then pack the glass with crushed ice. Stir until the glass is frosted on the outside, then top with more ice to form a dome and garnish with mint.

Berry-infused rum

While this isn't a cocktail per say, you can take your favorite rum drink further with a little patience and a Mason jar.

Infusing spirits on your own can yield interesting concoctions and best of all a certain sense of pride knowing you took an ordinary liquor and made it something else while basically doing nothing but letting it sit on your kitchen counter.

Infuse some rum or another clear liquor to add a dash of summer fruitiness to your favorite cocktail, like the classic mojito, my personal favorite.

Ingredients

- Berries of your choice
- One Mason jar
- Rum of your choice
- Cheesecloth



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