

SUMMER COCKTAILS

They are the foundation for a good summer party. The best summer cocktails have fresh seasonal flavor — fruits, backyard herbs and light notes that don't overwhelm. These twelve cocktail recipes were developed in honor of the museum's 2021 Backyard Ball.

All can be easily batched to make pitchers for larger parties, just take measurements and multiply by the number of people you want to serve. All recipes can easily have spirits substituted for others and still deliver on the impressive summer flavors, and all can be modified to make delicious mocktails for those abstaining.

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Simple Syrup recipe: Boil 1 cup of sugar and 1 cup of water and stir frequently until the sugar dissolves. When the syrup cools use a funnel to pour it into a decorative bottle.

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DRINK RECIPES

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Backyard A fresh new take on Art Ball *Ball*



Janet Fish (American, born 1938), Embroidery from Uzbekistan, 2008, oil on canvas. Museum purchase with funds provided by the Medici Society, 2009.8 © 2021 Janet Fish / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY.

Peachy Keen



Ingredients: Peaches, Bourbon, Lemon, Simple Syrup, Fresh Mint, Ginger Beer, Ice

Instructions: Place 2 fresh peach slices, 5 mint leaves, 1 oz. simple syrup in a cocktail shaker. Gently muddle these ingredients. Add 1 cup of ice and 2 oz. of Bourbon, Shake vigorously. Strain into a rocks glass filled with ice. Top with ginger ale. Garnish with a peach slice and a mint sprig.

Backyard Basil Banger



Ingredients: Vodka, Fresh Strawberries, Fresh Basil, Lemonade, Ice

Instructions: Muddle 3 fresh strawberries in the bottom of rocks glass. Add ice. Add 1.5 oz. Vodka. Smack 2 pieces of fresh basil in your hand (this releases the flavor) and add them to the glass. Top all of the ingredients off with lemonade.

Blackberry Patio Pounder



Ingredients: Vodka (or gin), Fresh Blackberries, Lemon Juice (fresh squeezed), Lemon to cut into wheels, Simple Syrup, Crushed Ice, Lemon LaCroix

Instructions: Muddle 6 fresh blackberries in the bottom of a rocks glass. Add ice. Add 1.5 oz. vodka (can sub gin), Add 1 oz. fresh lemon juice. Add 1/2 oz. simple syrup. Garnish with a lemon wheel and top with Lemon LaCroix soda.

Banana Hammock



Ingredients: Kraken Dark Rum, Howler Head Banana Bourbon, Pineapple Juice, Orange Juice, Lemon Lime Soda

Instructions: Fill a 12oz glass with ice. Add 1oz of Rum, Add 1oz of Banana Bourbon, Add 2oz of Pineapple Juice, Add 2oz of Orange Juice, shake well and top with 1oz of lemon lime soda. This can be served with ice or makes a great blender drink for a party.

Citrus Slammer



Ingredients: Vodka (or gin), Fresh Blackberries, Lemon Juice (fresh squeezed), Lemon to cut into wheels, Simple Syrup, Crushed Ice, Lemon LaCroix.

Instructions: Muddle 6 fresh blackberries in the bottom of a rocks glass. Add ice. Add 1.5oz vodka (can sub gin), Add 1 oz. fresh lemon juice. Add 1/2 oz. simple syrup. Garnish with a lemon wheel and top with Lemon LaCroix soda.

Belmonte Backyard Bourbon



Ingredients: Bourbon, Cointreau, Angostura Bitters, Peychaud's bitters, Champagne, Ginger Beer, Burnt Orange Twist

Instructions: In a mixing glass, combine 1 oz. Bourbon, 1/2 oz. Cointreau and both bitters, fill two thirds of the glass with ice and pour over with half Champagne, half Ginger Beer and garnish with a twist.

Doctor Feelgood



Ingredients: Gin, vodka, rum, cointreau, ginger beer, cherries and Dr. Pepper (regular or diet)

Instructions: This is a summer version of a Long Island Iced Tea with ginger, cherries and Dr. Pepper. Mix 1 oz. gin, 1 oz. vodka, 1 oz rum with muddled cherries and 1/2 oz. Cointreau in rocks glass with ice. Top with ginger beer and Dr. Pepper and stir.

Summer Sun-kissed



Ingredients: Vodka, citrus vodka, orange juice, lemon juice, orange slice, ice

Instructions: Mix 1.5 oz. vodka with 1.5 oz. citrus vodka, 2 oz. orange juice, 1/2 oz. Cointreau, 1 tsp. lemon juice, lemon wedge and a small pour of simple syrup.

The Sky Walker



Ingredients: Peach and Orange Blossom Kettle One Vodka, Cointreau, Orange Bitters, Soda Water

Instructions: Mix 3 oz. Orange Blossom Kettle One Vodka and 1 oz. Cointreau and shake with ice vigorously until shaker is chilled. Strain into Champagne flute or rocks glass with ice and top with soda water.

DAY(TON) Drinking



Ingredients: Saltwater Woody Grapefruit flavored Rum, Hedricks Gin Summer Solstice (can sub other gins or vodka), 2 oz. pineapple juice, spicy bitters

Instructions: Mix 2 oz. Saltwater Woody Grapefruit flavored Rum with 1 oz. Hedricks Gin Summer Solstice, 2 oz. pineapple juice and several shakes of spicy bitters over ice and stir. Garnish with lemon balm sprig and lime.

The Ginger Fling



Ingredients: Pineapple Rum, Stirrings Ginger, Angostura Bitters, Sprite

Instructions: Pour 3 oz. Pineapple Rum with 1 1/4 Stirrings Ginger and several good shakes of Angostura Bitters. Top with Sprite over ice in a rocks glass. Garnish with candied ginger.

Rosé the Day Away



Ingredients: Peach and Orange Blossom Kettle One Vodka, Cranberry Juice (white or regular), Tiki Bitters, Rosé Sparkling Wine

Instructions: Mix 3 oz. Orange Blossom Kettle One Vodka and 2 oz. cranberry juice and shake with ice vigorously until shaker is chilled. Strain into Champagne flute or wine glass. Finish with several shakes of Tiki bitters. Top with Rosé Sparkling Wine.