



Dudfest Cocktail 2020
The "Easy Breezy"
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Presenting three versions of the Easy Breezy:

- Mocktail
- Instant gratification cocktail
- Delayed pleasure cocktail

You will need:

- watermelon juice
- simple syrup
- lime juice
- some booze (if you choose)
- sparkling water

TO MAKE WATERMELON JUICE

2-4 cups diced watermelon

The yield is almost equal, dice to juice. 1 cup of juice yields 4 cocktails. Make as much as you need, though having some extra watermelon juice in the fridge never hurts.

Place diced watermelon in blender or food processor and process 'til liquid. You want as few large chunks as possible.

Strain and reserve.

TO MAKE SIMPLE SYRUP

Combine equal parts sugar and water in a pot. Once the mixture comes to a boil, stir gently to ensure all the sugar is dissolved, then take off the fire. Cool down and reserve. Oddly enough, a pint of sugar plus a pint of water don't make two pints of syrup - they make about one. One pint yields 16 drinks, FYI.

TO MAKE LIME JUICE

Cut limes in half, juice and strain.

Reserve.

10 large limes make about a pint of juice.

THE MOCKTAIL

4 oz watermelon juice
3 oz simple syrup
1 oz lime juice
(1 large serving)

Fill a tall glass with ice. Measure ingredients into the glass. Top off with sparkling water.

For a large batch, think of the recipe in terms of parts, and substitute for a larger measurement. For example -

4 cups
3 cups
1 cup

Fill a large pitcher with ice, measure ingredients in, and top off with an entire 12oz can or bottle of sparkling water.

INSTANT GRATIFICATION COCKTAIL

2 oz watermelon juice
1.25 oz mezcal
.75 oz simple syrup
.50 oz lime juice

Measure ingredients into a cocktail tin, cover with ice, and shake hard for 5-7 seconds. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass and garnish with a slice of watermelon.

To make a large batch, scale up in parts. Full cups will make over a gallon of cocktail, FYI. Use 1/2 cups if you don't need that much.

8 parts watermelon juice
5 parts mezcal
3 parts simple syrup
2 parts lime

DELAYED PLEASURE COCKTAIL

Start the night before the bash.

Follow the same instructions for the Instant gratification cocktail, but, to make it worthwhile, make 4-6 drinks. You can shake them 2 by 2 if you use a cocktail tin and a pint glass, making sure you start each batch with fresh ice.

Strain the drinks as you go into a glass pitcher, and let the pitcher sit in the fridge overnight, allowing the sediment to settle to the bottom of the pitcher.

At party time, fill some medium tall glasses with ice or cracked ice, and gently pour only the clear juice off the pitcher, filling each glass almost to the top.

Top off each glass with some sparkling water, stir gently, and garnish with a slice of watermelon.