

Mocktail Recipe Inspiration

Blood Orange Sparkler

(Makes 2 drinks)

Ingredients:

- 8 oz blood orange juice, freshly squeezed
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 oz lime sparkling water
- blood orange slices for garnish



Directions:

Squeeze the blood orange juice into a mason jar with a lid or cocktail shaker. Add the honey and vanilla extract. Shake. Add ice to cool it down. Pour evenly into two ice-filled glasses. Top with lime sparkling water and a slice of blood orange on top. You may substitute Valencia or Navel oranges for blood oranges if you prefer.

To make it alcoholic: substitute agave for honey and add 4 oz tequila before shaking

Tiger Taper

(Makes 2 drinks)

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups orange juice, freshly squeezed
- 4 tablespoons grenadine syrup
- ½ cup ginger beer
- 2-4 dashes Angostura bitters



Directions:

Fill two glasses with ice. Divide the orange juice between the two glasses. Then add 2 tablespoons of grenadine syrup to each glass (it will naturally sink to the bottom of the glass). Top each glass with 1/4 cup of the ginger beer and 1-2 dashes of bitters. Garnish with orange slices. Stir before sipping.

To make it alcoholic: shake 4 oz vodka with OJ before adding to glass and garnish with a lime

Cinnamon-Orange Black Tea

(Makes 4 cups)

Ingredients:

- Peel of 1 orange
- 3 broken cinnamon sticks
- 3 tablespoons Assam tea (or other black tea)
- 4 cups hot water



Directions:

Toast orange peel and cinnamon sticks in a pan over medium heat for 3 minutes. Add to a French press with tea. Add hot water, steep 5 minutes, plunge, and serve (or chill in fridge and pour over ice for an iced tea version).

To make it alcoholic: stir 1½ oz brandy, whiskey, or dark rum into each cup/glass of prepared tea

Cocktail Recipe Inspiration

Reunion Rum Punch

(Makes 2 drinks)

Ingredients:

- 4 oz orange juice
- 4 oz pineapple juice
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 oz dark rum
- 2 oz light rum
- 2 oz soda water
- 8-10 blackberries
- ½ cup sugar
- Black food coloring



Directions:

Mix juices and rums in a large cocktail shaker and shake with ice. Place sugar in a small bowl and add food coloring. Mix until uniform in color, adding additional food coloring until desired color is reached. Dip glass rims onto a plate filled with water and then coat rims with sugar by dipping in the black sugar mixture. Place 3 to 4 blackberries in the bottom of each glass and crush. Slowly pour juice/rum mixture over blackberries and top with soda water. Garnish with a blackberry.

Black & Orange Ruski

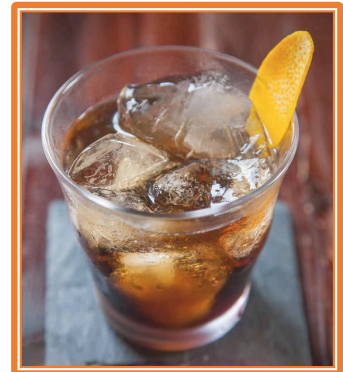
(Makes 1 drink)

Ingredients:

- 1 oz Kahlúa or other coffee liqueur
- 1 oz ABSOLUT Mandarin vodka or other orange vodka
- Orange peel

Directions:

Fill a double old-fashioned glass with ice cubes. Pour the Kahlúa and the ABSOLUT Mandarin vodka in. Stir, then garnish with the orange peel.



Orange Sangria

(Makes 8 drinks)

Ingredients:

- 1 bottle crisp white wine (Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc)
- ½ cup Cointreau or other orange liqueur
- 2 cups fruit juice: peach, pear, or apple
- 4 cups any chopped fruit (peaches, apples, strawberries)
- 2 limes, thinly sliced

Directions:

In a large pitcher, combine all ingredients. Gently stir then cover and refrigerate for 2-12 hours. To serve, use a slotted spoon to portion out fruit from the pitcher into serving glasses and then pour the sangria over top.





ORANGE & BLACK SNACK ATTACK!!!

Reunions is a marathon, not a sprint – even when it's virtual! Keep your endurance up with these orange & black snack and meal ideas. Some of these are easily purchased pre-made, some are available for order online, and some may require perusing google for a recipe. So, no matter your level of cooking interest and expertise, you can be sustained by spirited orange and black food all weekend long. After all, this is na-cho average reunions!

- ♦ **Baby carrots with black bean dip**
- ♦ **Cheesy crackers (like Cheez-Its or Annie's cheddar crackers) with olive tapenade**
- ♦ **Cantaloupe & blackberry fruit skewers**
- ♦ **Orange muffins with poppy seeds**
- ♦ **Poppy seed or black sesame encrusted cheese ball**
- ♦ **Pumpernickel grilled cheese**
- ♦ **Nachos with cheddar cheese & black beans**
- ♦ **Papaya and black bean salad**
- ♦ **Roasted carrots with balsamic glaze**
- ♦ **Butternut squash and black kale gratin**
- ♦ **Squid ink pasta with orange tomatoes**
- ♦ **Southwestern black bean stuffed orange bell peppers**
- ♦ **Orange chicken with forbidden rice**
- ♦ **Sweet potato black bean enchilada bake**
- ♦ **Orange ginger soy black cod**
- ♦ **Dark chocolate covered oranges, clementines, apricots, or mangoes**
- ♦ **Black licorice and orange pop rocks**
- ♦ **Chocolate pumpkin tart**