

WATERMELON MINT MARGARITA

When chillin' on a boat or by a pool, you want a chiller drink to chill with, and this is it. Super refreshing, light and enough booze to keep you interested, this drink is so good you gotta keep an eye on it – a few can go a long way. The sweet, hydrating watermelon juice, hint of lime and the mint simple syrup are perfect on a hot day – like that cool, light breeze on the beach, it's perfect as the sun heats up. These can be made a day in advance in a disposable (or better yet, reusable) plastic bottle, for easy distribution on the boat, no fuss, no muss and plenty of margs, ya'll. Also, for those who aren't drinking, watermelon juice can be refreshing all on its own, and works as a mocktail really well if you make it without the booze.

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Yield: Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 16 ounces (2 cups) of reposado tequila
- 4 ounces (½ cup) Mint simple syrup (directions below)
- 8 ounces (1 cup) Orange liqueur (we use Cointreau, Grand Marnier or Clement)
- 24 ounces (3 cups) Watermelon juice (directions below)
- 4 ounces fresh lime juice
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- Ice for serving
- Lime wedges for garnish
- Mini Umbrellas for garnish
- Plastic cups for serving

Ingredients for Mint Simple Syrup

- 1 cup raw or granulated white sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 handful (or 1 cup) fresh mint leaves

Directions for Mint Simple Syrup

- In a pot, add the sugar and water and heat until bubbles form and it simmers, stirring constantly
- Once all the sugar is dissolved, remove from heat
- Drop your mint leaves in and cover, and let sit for 30 minutes
- Strain out the mint leaves (syrup is good for about a month in the fridge)

Ingredients for Watermelon Juice

- 2 Small watermelons or 1 big watermelon

Directions for Watermelon Juice

- Scoop watermelon into a blender, and puree until smooth
- Using a strainer, strain out the thick parts, leaving the pink, clear and thinned juice

Directions

- In a large plastic bottle, add the tequila, liquor, lime juice, salt, watermelon juice and simple syrup (refrigerate overnight)
- Fill plastic, reusable cups with ice
- Fill each glass with the mixed drink
- Top with a lime wedge and a gummi dino on a toothpick
- Sip it and straight up chill

