

OFF TO THE RACES

Named for Maryland's state flower, this high-octane sipper is the official cocktail of the Preakness Stakes (May 18 this year). Shake up a few to serve at your watch party—or any spring occasion that calls for a bright, punchy beverage. BY NATALIE MECHEM

SIMPLE SYRUP

Combine ¼ cup each **sugar** and **water** in a canning jar. Cover and shake until sugar is dissolved. Chill, covered, up to 2 weeks.

Black-Eyed Susan Cocktails

HANDS-ON 5 MIN **TOTAL** 5 MIN
MAKES 2 **SUBMITTED BY** JULIANA HALE
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Many versions of this cocktail call for purchased sour mix. We opted for a combo of simple syrup and fresh lemon juice for a mellow, less cloying sweet-and-sour flavor.

- Ice**
- 4 oz. orange juice**
- 2 oz. lemon juice**
- 2 oz. Simple Syrup** (recipe, above right)
- 2 oz. bourbon**
- 2 oz. vodka**
- 2 oz. peach schnapps**
- Orange slices and maraschino cherries, for garnish**

Fill a cocktail shaker half full with ice. Add 2 oz. orange juice and 1 oz. each lemon juice, Simple Syrup, bourbon, vodka, and schnapps. Cover and shake until outside of shaker is frosted, about 30 seconds. Strain into an ice-filled highball glass. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Garnish each glass with orange slices and a cherry.

Ⓟ **QUICK** Ⓞ **GLUTEN-FREE** 🌱 **VEGAN**

PER 1 CUP: 307 CAL; 0G FAT; 1G PRO; 35G CARB (0G FIBER, 32G SUGARS); 2MG SODIUM



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