

Sparkle Kitchen

Lilac Orangina

(makes 1 drink)

Ingredients

2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice

1 tablespoon lilac syrup (recipe follows)

ice

seltzer water

Directions

Add the orange juice and lilac syrup to an 8-ounce glass. Add 4 or 5 cubes of ice, then fill the rest of the glass with seltzer water.

Stir gently, garnish with fresh lilac blossoms, and enjoy!

Lilac Syrup

Ingredients

2 cups lilac blossoms (stems and green parts removed)

2 cups water

1 cup sugar

Directions

Mix the ingredients together in a medium saucepan. Bring the water to boil, stirring gently so that the sugar dissolves, then let the lilacs simmer for about 5 more minutes. Allow the syrup to cool completely, then pour it through a fine mesh sieve to strain out the lilac blossoms. Discard the blossoms, and bottle or jar the syrup. Kept in the refrigerator, it will keep you in lilac scented drinks well into summer.

Enjoy!