

## 13 Easy Cocktail Recipes



Some bartenders call them “equinox drinks”—cocktails made in perfectly equal proportions, derived from the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, when hours of daylight and darkness are evenly divided.

Or, just call them fabulous. These straightforward, versatile cocktails couldn’t be easier to prepare.

The classic cocktail canon includes a wide range of drinks made with equally proportioned ingredients, from the aptly named Fifty-Fifty Martini (equal parts gin and vermouth) to the four-part box step of the Blood & Sand (Scotch, orange juice, sweet vermouth, Cherry Heering). Bartenders continue to create new drinks fitting the “equal parts” template.

“They’re just so easy,” says Florentina Duran, bar supervisor of the LB Tavern in Baltimore.

Not that they’re easy recipes to create, mind you. Duran needed several tries to find the perfect balance for her La Ciudad (recipe below). But they’re easy to make once the recipe is solid—a necessity for Duran, who works at a high-volume bar in the lobby of a hotel.

She’s developed a range of unfussy drinks that can be put together quickly. The strategy works particularly well for parties or other gatherings, she says.

Here are a few drinks to try—all with ingredients mixed in equal proportions, although a squeeze of citrus here and a splash of bubbles there keep things interesting. >>>

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## La Cuidad



Recipe courtesy Florentina Duran, **LB Tavern at the Lord Baltimore Hotel**, Baltimore

1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ounces 7 Leguas Blanco Tequila

1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ounces Domaine de Canton Ginger Liqueur

1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ounces Yellow Chartreuse

Dash of lime juice

Build the drink in a Collins glass over ice. Garnish with a twist of lime peel.



## Sel De La Mer



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1 ounce Tin Cup American Whiskey (or Bourbon)

1 ounce Lillet

1 ounce St-Germain Elderflower Liqueur

1 ounce Pimms No. 1

1 dash Angostura Bitters

In a rocks glass, stir all ingredients with ice.

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