

LYCHEE LEMONADE (MOCKTAIL OR COCKTAIL)

INGREDIENTS

18-10 lychees (should be about a cup of lychee puree)
3 1/2 cups water, chilled for mocktail OR
2 1/2 cups water and 1 cup vodka for the cocktail version
Juice from 2 large lemons
Sugar as required, to taste
a few mint leaves or lemon slices for garnishing (optional)
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DIRECTIONS

If using fresh lychees, remove the leathery skin of the fruit, remove the flesh, discarding the seeds (if using canned, this is obviously already complete). In a blender, make a smooth puree of the lychees. Remove to a pitcher and add

lemon juice. Stir until the sugar dissolves (or wait 15 minutes, and then stir). Add ice, water and vodka, stir to combine. Serve immediately, garnished with mint and lemon slices (optional).