

Delicious drinks for summer parties

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Fireworks aren't the only thing that should be wowing guests at your Fourth of July party. Try some new fun cocktails this year in red, white and blue. Swap out tropical fruit juices, strong spirits and lively garnishes for the standard beer and wine to treat your guests to something special.



The authors of “Slurp” offer drinks for morning, daytime and evening, as well as party tips and instructions for making syrups, garnishes, shots and sugared and salted rims. Unsure of which glass to use for which cocktail? There are hints for that, too: A highball glass is “tall and skinny to keep the drink cold,” and a rocks glass is “short and heavy with straight sides.”

And don't neglect the nonboozers. Following are 10 drink recipes – six cocktails and four “mocktails” – for your summer barbecue.

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