



Smashing Summer Cocktail

I didn't write a formal recipe for this drink, just sort of winged it, but here's what I remember.

- cucumber juice*
- simple syrup (equal parts sugar and water boiled together, then cooled)
- fresh lime juice
- ripe strawberries
- mint (hopefully from your garden)
- gin

Start by muddling about a cup of strawberries with a small handful of mint in the bottom of a large pitcher. Use these proportions:

1 part lime juice + one part simple syrup+ 2 parts cucumber juice + 2 parts gin.

Stir well. Taste and adjust flavor to your liking, then add enough club soda to dilute if needed or just to add a bit of fizz.

Pour over ice, using a long spoon to scoop a bit of the strawberry/mint mixture into each glass.

You can also mix this up without the gin for your tee-totalling pals.

P.S. Please don't say "Cheers!" unless you're making a toast. I HATE that.

*Cucumber juice - Peel cucumbers that are running rampant in your garden and run them through your juicer. Don't have a juicer? Get one! Read my post on Green Juice if you don't know why else you would need one.