

PINEAPPLE RUM COCKTAILS

MAKES 8 DRINKS

ACTIVE TIME: 20 MIN START TO FINISH: 20 MIN

Though pineapple and rum are the foundation for this aperitif, mint and lime juice temper the sweetness for a bright, clean sip.

32 oz (1 qt) chilled pineapple juice (preferably from a carton)

1 cup mint leaves

2 tablespoons sugar

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

12 oz (1 1/2 cups) gold rum

GARNISH: mint sprigs; lime wedges

► Blend one fourth of pineapple juice with all of mint and sugar in a blender until mint is finely chopped, then pour into a pitcher with lime juice and remaining pineapple juice. Chill until ready to use.

► Just before serving, fill tall glasses halfway with ice and add 3 tablespoons rum to each, then top with 1/2 cup juice.

COOKS' NOTE: Pineapple juice mixture can be chilled up to 4 hours.