

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**
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice**
- 12 oz (1½ 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 ½ cup juice.

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