

Cocktail Cheat Sheet

Whether you're new to mixing drinks or just want better cocktails, there's one basic recipe to know: **The Sour**. The 2:1:1 ratio is the basis for dozens of drinks you'll love. Memorize this formula to customize and scale balanced cocktails like the ones below – you're a home bartender now!



2 OZ. SPIRIT

Any **hard liquor** such as vodka, gin, whiskey (bourbon, Scotch, etc.), rum, tequila, or brandy. Use **non-alcoholic spirits** for mocktails.

1 OZ. SWEET

Sweeteners like simple syrup (plain or flavored), honey, maple syrup, grenadine, orgeat, agave or **sweet liqueurs**, like amaretto or triple sec.

1 OZ. SOUR

The fresh-squeezed (ideally) **sour juices** of lemon, lime, orange, or grapefruit. Can also include cranberry or other fruit juices.

<p>SIDECAR¹ 2 oz Brandy 1 oz Triple Sec 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>	<p>GIMLET 2 oz Gin 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lime Juice</p>	<p>AMARETTO SOUR² 2 oz Amaretto 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>
<p>BEE'S KNEES 2 oz Gin 1 oz Honey Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>	<p>COSMOPOLITAN 2 oz Vodka 1 oz Cranberry Juice ½ oz Lime, ½ oz Triple Sec</p>	<p>DAIQUIRI 2 oz Rum 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lime Juice</p>
<p>KAMIKAZE 2 oz Vodka 1 oz Triple Sec 1 oz Lime Juice</p>	<p>MARGARITA¹³ 2 oz Tequila 1 oz Triple Sec or Agave 1 oz Lime Juice</p>	<p>WHISKEY SOUR² 2 oz Whiskey 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>
<p>GOLD RUSH 2 oz Whiskey 1 oz Honey Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>	<p>LEMON DROP¹ 2 oz Vodka 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>	<p>CLOVER CLUB² 2 oz Gin 1 oz Raspberry Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice</p>

The drinks below follow the classic Sour ratio, topped with 4-6 oz. of bubbles – soda water, flavored soda or sparkling wine.

<p>MULE 2 oz Vodka 1 oz Simple Syrup⁴ 1 oz Lime Juice Ginger Beer</p>	<p>TOM COLLINS 2 oz Gin 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice Club Soda</p>	<p>MOJITO 2 oz Rum 1 oz Mint Syrup 1 oz Lime Juice Club Soda</p>
<p>RANCH WATER³ 2 oz Tequila 1 oz Simple Syrup⁴ 1 oz Lime Juice Topo Chico/Club Soda</p>	<p>PALOMA³ 2 oz Tequila 1 oz Agave Nectar⁴ 1 oz Lime Juice Grapefruit Soda</p>	<p>FRENCH 75 2 oz Gin 1 oz Simple Syrup 1 oz Lemon Juice Champagne</p>

Shaken: Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice, and shake well. Strain into a glass.

Built: Combine ingredients directly in a chilled or ice-filled glass. Top with bubbles.

¹ Traditionally served with a sugar rim.

² Optional: Add egg white. Shake well for a foamy top.

³ Traditionally served with a salt rim.

⁴ Sweetener can be omitted for a lighter version.

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