Plantation Tea Jelly Drink

Level: Easy Prep + Chill Time: 30 min + 4 hours Cooking Time: 5 minutes

Serves: 4

Pineapple jelly ingredients: ½ cup cold water

2 (0.25 oz.) envelopes unflavored gelatin (Knox®)

 $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups Dole® 100% Pineapple Juice (not from concentrate)

Other ingredients:

Ice cubes

Plantation iced tea, chilled (see recipe below)

(Optional) 1 ripe Dole® Tropical Gold® pineapple + 4 cocktail picks, for "eyeball" garnish

To prepare pineapple jelly: Place cold water in a large saucepan. Sprinkle the gelatin over the cold water. Let it sit for 5 minutes to bloom. Turn heat to low and cook until aelatin is completely dissolved. Turn off heat and add $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups pineapple juice. Stir to combine. Take off heat source and set aside for about 15 minutes to cool slightly. Evenly divide the pineapple jelly mixture into four tall clear glass or plastic cups. Refrigerate until firm, about 4 hours.

(Optional) To make pineapple "eyeball" garnish: Wash outside of pineapple with water. Pat dry with paper towel. Cut off crown and save 4 leaves for garnish (wash leaves well with water, wipe dry, & set aside). Cut off pineapple skin very close to the edges, leaving behind the dark brown "eyes" of the pineapple. With a small metal melon baller scoop, scoop out 8 balls keeping the dark brown "eyes" in the center of the ball. Skewer 2 pineapple "eyeballs" onto each cocktail pick. Refrigerate "eyeballs" until ready to serve drinks. (Cut remaining pineapple, store in airtight container & refrigerate to eat later.)

To serve plantation tea jelly drinks: For each cup, place desired amount of ice cubes on top of pineapple jelly. Fill cups with chilled plantation tea. For optional Halloween presentation, garnish each cup with a pineapple leaf and a pair of skewered "eyeballs" (However, please DO NOT EAT the garnishes! They are for decoration only.) Use jumbo straw to mix pineapple jelly, slurp carefully to prevent choking on large jelly pieces.

<u>Plantation Iced Tea</u> (originally posted on June 26, 2015):

3/4 cup (or one 6 fl. oz. can) Dole® 100% Pineapple Juice (not from concentrate)

1 packet Crystal Light® Peach Iced Tea (see Notes below)

8 cups cold water

In a plastic or glass pitcher (do not use metal), add the pineapple juice and the packet of Crystal Light® Peach Iced Tea. Add 8 cups cold water. Stir well and refrigerate to chill.

Notes:

• I buy the 1.5 oz. container of Crystal Light® Peach Iced Tea. There are 6 packets in one container. 1 packet makes 2 quarts of iced tea.



