Homemade Pineapple Ginger Ale

Level: Easy Serves: 1 Prep Time: 5 minutes Cooking Time: -

2 oz. ginger syrup, chilled (see recipe below)
1 oz. pineapple juice, chilled
\(\frac{1}{2} \) to \(\frac{3}{4} \) cup seltzer water, chilled
Squeeze of fresh lime
6 mint leaves, crushed
Ice cubes



Pour ginger syrup and pineapple juice in a glass. Add seltzer water, lime and mint leaves. Add a couple ice cubes. Stir and drink immediately.

Ginger Syrup:

1 cup white granulated sugar

2 cups water

4 ounces thinly sliced fresh yellow ginger, unpeeled (see Notes)

For the ginger syrup: In a medium stainless-steel saucepan add the sugar, water, and sliced ginger. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a steady simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove from heat and cool completely. Strain the syrup through a fine mesh sieve into a container that has an airtight cover. Cover and refrigerate. This syrup will keep in the refrigerator for about 2 weeks.

Notes:

- When making the ginger syrup, make sure to purchase the common yellow ginger and not Thai ginger (galangal). They look similar side by side, but taste very different.
- I like my ginger ale with a stronger ginger taste, so reduce or increase the amounts of ginger syrup and pineapple juice to your liking.
- To make this drink more decorative, cut fresh pineapple wedges and garnish each glass with one.