



June Get Out of Your Box Challenge & Summer Cocktails

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It's unofficially the start of summer. The kids are out of school, the pool is open and it's time to think about summer cocktails. My challenge for you this month is to come up with a signature cocktail you can serve guests at a moments notice. If you enjoy being a mixologist have some fun and create your own or you can try a few of these delicious cocktails. The recipe for this easy grapefruit shandy is at the bottom of my post.

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This [Cake by the Ocean Cocktail](#) created by Crazy For Crust looks delicious. I love the combination of tropical flavors and whatâ€™s not to love about sprinkles!

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Watermelon Moscow Mule

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Those who know me well know I love a Moscow Mule. This [Watermelon Moscow Mule](#) from Iâ€™m Bored, Letâ€™s Go looks like a fun summer option to try. I would have to use my copper mugs though. A Moscow Mule just isnâ€™t the same to me without the mug.

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Paloma™s seem to be a popular cocktail right now. This [Paloma](#) from Lemon Tree Dwelling looks very refreshing.

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limoncello **SANGRIA**

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Iâ€™m taking a class on Limoncello with local Chef [Jasper Mirabile, Jr.](#) at [Olive Tree](#) this summer. This [Limoncello Sangria](#) from A Night Owl Blog looks like something I may need to make before class starts.

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I love the refreshing taste of cucumber and will often order cocktails that have cucumber in them when dining out. This [Cucumber Lime Margarita](#) looks refreshing and you get a serving of vegetables.

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Iâ€™ve always wanted to try making a fruit infused vodka. Inspired by Charm shares this [strawberry basil infused vodka](#) as well as a pineapple infused rum. The possibilities are endless in terms of what you could create with these.

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Northern Mint Julep

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I shared this [mint julep recipe](#) in a past post. It's my friend Anne's family recipe. This mint julep is great for a party and lots of fun to mix up.

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If you don't drink you can still make many of these cocktails for a fun summer beverage, just omit the alcohol. Lately anything with grapefruit sounds good to me. I've never been a fan of beer, but my husband likes to mix Deep Eddy's Grapefruit Vodka with a Grapefruit Shandy Beer. Our old neighbor shared the recipe with us and it has become a favorite.

Please be responsible when drinking alcohol. I just learned of a young 24-year-old girl who was killed by a drunk driver. The summer months are meant to be carefree and enjoyed, but not at the risk of hurting yourself or someone else.

Grapefruit Shandy

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Ingredients

- Deep Eddy Ruby Red Grapefruit Vodka
- Grapefruit Shandy Beer
- Ice
- Grapefruit for garnish (optional)

Instructions

1. Put 1 shot of Deep Eddy Grapefruit Vodka in a glass with ice.
2. Pour 6 oz of Grapefruit Shandy Beer on top and stir lightly.
3. Drink responsibly.

Linking to: [Celebrate Your Story](#)

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