



Ink and Tonic

Yields: 1 Cocktail

Total Time: 15 Minutes (3 hours for resting for infusion)

When you're entertaining cool, unique people, you need to get real crafty with a cocktail to get to their level. For our party, we're celebrating the crew at our favorite tattoo shop, so we want to catch that cool, rockstar vibe, and pay homage to all the ink they've sunk into us over the years. You know how when you have a cool lookin' part of your body and you drop a cool tattoo on it and it becomes awesome? That's what we do to the standard gin and tonic. We take some floral gin to respect all the flower tattoos in the world, infuse some tonic water with some dried dates, for a really different taste. To really honor the mission, we took some genuine squid ink and made a really cool, cloudy simple syrup. After all that, we throw some acid to bring out the sweetness with a splash of grapefruit juice.

Ingredients

- 2 oz floral gin (we're using Empress here)
- 1 tsp squid ink-infused simple syrup (ingredients/directions below)
- 4 oz of date-infused tonic water (ingredients/directions below)
- Splash of grapefruit juice
- Glass of ice
- 1 black licorice wheel for garnish
- Lemon wedge for garnish

Ingredients for Squid Ink-Infused Simple Syrup

- 1 C sugar
- 1 C water
- 3-4 tsp squid ink
- Dash of water



Directions for Squid Ink-Infused Simple Syrup

- In a small glass bowl, whisk together the dash of water and squid ink so it becomes more runny and less viscous
- In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar and water over medium heat and stir constantly until the sugar dissolves
- Slowly add the ink mixture into the warm simple syrup, stirring constantly until it is evenly mixed and grey and cloudy

Ingredients for Date-Infused Tonic Water

- 12 pitted dried dates, then chopped up
- 4 C tonic Water

Directions for Date-Infused Tonic Water

- In a sealable container, combine all ingredients
- Let sit overnight (at least 3 hours)
- Strain and discard the dates

Directions

- Fill a Collins glass with ice
- Add in the gin
- Add in the tonic
- Add in the grapefruit juice
- Add in the simple syrup
- Stir
- Garnish lemon wedge and licorice wheel