



Salud! Celebrate Cinco De Mayo With Margarita Creations

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Josh Jamison, a bartender at Boston's Lolita Cocina and Tequila Bar, whips up signature margaritas (and a couple of non-alcoholic beverages) regularly. They're even better as part of a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

The Spicy Cucumber Margarita includes fresh serrano chiles and cucumber, muddled together with more traditional margarita ingredients. The Naughty Pineapple includes fresh pineapple and a pepper puree paired with a smokier tequila.

Can you ask for a salt rim on your glass? Sure, but these drinks don't need it. Jamison says that salt is used to mask the taste of bad tequila, and the brands he uses are meant to be sayored.

Not a fan of tequila? Jamison also prepares a mean watermelon mojito, inspired by a fresh watermelon mint salad — it looks a lot like a salad in a glass. If you are the designated driver, you can sip a non-alcoholic Lime Coco topped with fresh blueberries.

Lolita opened at noon Thursday, if you want to start your celebration a little early. Lolita Cocina and Tequila Bar is located at 271 Dartmouth St in Boston.



Josh Jamison makes a margarita at Lolita Cocina and Tequila Bar. (Meghna Chakrabarti/WBUR)

Guest:

▶ Josh Jamison, bartender, Lolita Cocina and Tequila Bar

Recipe (PDF):

Spicy Cucumber Margarita

Ingredients:

2-3 Serrano chilis

4 1/2-inch slices English cucumber, quartered

1.25 oz Don Julio Blanco

0.5 oz Patron Citronge

Fresh lime juice

Fresh cane simple syrup (1:1 water and cane sugar)

Method:

- In a pint glass, muddle chilis and a handful of English cucumber quarters
- Over ice in a cocktail shaker, add Don Julio Blanco and Patron Citronge and equal parts lime juice and simple syrup to top off
- 3. Shake vigorously
- 4. Pour directly into pint glass (do not strain)
- 5. Garnish with 2-3 cucumber quarters

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The Spioy Cucumber Margarita at Lolita (Courtesy)

