Ginger Mint Tea



TIP: This fully flavorful, easy to make tea combines the gentle bite of ginger and turmeric with crisp, cool peppermint and comforting warmth of cinnamon and honey. Great stuff - every ingredient is anti-inflammatory!

Preparation Time: 5-7 minutes **Cooking Time:** about 10 minutes

> Ingredients (to make 2-3 quarts)

Fresh Ginger Root Either 1 Fresh Turmeric Root (the smaller orange colored root below) or 1 Teaspoon Turmeric Powder

2 Cinnamon Sticks2 Ginger Lemon Tea Bags1-2 Peppermint Tea Bags



Equipment

Medium Sized (3-4 Quart) Pot Small Sharp (Paring) Knife Scissors Cutting Board Large Spoon Teaspoon (if you're using turmeric powder) Strainer (if needed) Container (for leftover tea or to make iced ginger mint tea)



1. Give a **fresh ginger root** and **fresh turmeric root** (if you have one) a good hand-scrubbing clean with cold tap water.



2. Use a sharp knife to cut enough **fresh ginger** and **fresh turmeric** (again, if you have it) into slices about 1/8 inch (3 mm) wide until...



...you have about a handful as shown below.



3. Add the following to a medium-sized pot:

<u>either</u> sliced fresh ginger and sliced turmeric (left) <u>or</u> sliced fresh ginger and 1 teaspoon of turmeric powder (right)



sliced fresh ginger and fresh turmeric



sliced fresh ginger and 1 teaspoon powdered turmeric

2 bags of lemon ginger tea and **1-2 bags of peppermint tea** (use scissors, if necessary, to cut the strings off the tea bags)





2 cinnamon sticks



shot of honey (use less than you think you'll need to start - you can always add more to taste later)



4. Fill the pot mostly full with **cold water**.



5. Put the pot on the stove, turn on the burner to HIGH, and set a timer for 10 minutes.





6. When the timer sounds, either turn off the burner heat or keep warming the **tea** to your desired temperature, preferably, as shown below - without letting the **tea** come to a full boil.



7. For maximum flavor, let the **tea** sit on a cool burner for at least 10 minutes. Then, use a big spoon to scoop out the **tea bags**, **sliced turmeric** and **ginger**, and **cinnamon sticks**, and...



...either have the **tea** hot or...



...let the **tea** cool until it is safe to handle, pour (through a strainer, if necessary) into a container, and refrigerate for **iced tea**.



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