

THE BLENDER BASH a brief history

Yakudoshi are the years of calamity. This is a Japanese belief that people at the ages of yakudoshi are likely to experience misfortunes or illness. It is generally believed that men's yakudoshi are the ages 25, 42 and 61, and for women 19, 33 and 37, though there are local and historical variations.

One's yakudoshi is measured by adding one to the actual age.

The ages of 42 for men and 33 for women are considered to be particularly bad years, honyaku (great calamity). This is probably because the numbers 42 and 33 are phonetically unlucky numbers.



42 can be pronounced "shi-ni" which is homophonous with the word "to death," and 33, when pronounced as "sanzan" means "hard", "terrible", or "disastrous". When reaching yakudoshi, many people go to Shinto shrines for exorcism (yakubarai). Although this is just a superstition, it may not be improbable because people seem to go through hard times with their health or jobs around these ages.

Many people are also aware that the years preceding and following a major yakudoshi are yakudoshi years too. The year before yakudoshi is called maeyaku, while the year after is called atoyaku.

During *yakudoshi* there is a strict observance of visiting temples and acquiring adequate amulets for protection and to ward off evil, with petitions to deities known as *gankake*. Like all observances against misfortune, they start with the



making of presentations of folded papers to deities and finish with a celebration of longevity in the form of festivals, when auspicious foods are given to the *yakudoshi* people to mark the end of the crises. In general, *yakudoshi* are perceived as 'shikata ga nai' (things that can't be helped). All misfortune during the year is blamed on them and people are advised not to start a new business at that time.

What the hell does this have to do with blender drinks?

The ancient beliefs and traditions of the Japanese have slowly filtered through western culture, and distilled into a real good reason to have a party. Or, just a reason to have a party; what more can we ask for? The first annual blender bash took place in August, 2002 in Richmond, California. Four blenders, two barbeques, a blues band, a solo violinist, and a mirror ball, created one good time, and at least a years worth of



stories. Someone turned 33, or 34, or something, and many evil spirits were banished by a Waring Classic® in full song.

What follows is the recipes that were originally compiled for the party. Ensconced in the plastic covered sheets of a 3-ring notebook, this collection has offered many a joyous reveler, something different, every time they visited the bar. If you have a blender, this is the piece that makes it complete.



stuff you need ...

at least one quality blender

Anisette Bananas **Bitters Blue Curacao** Bourbon **Brandy Brown Sugar** Cherries for garnish Club Soda **Cranberry Juice** Cream **Cream of Coconut** Crème de Menthe Crème de Cacao (Dark) Crème de Cacao (White) **Crushed Ice Eggs** Frozen Fruit in Syrup Frozen Orange Juice Concentrate



Galliano Gin Grapefruit Juice Grenadine **Guava Nectar** Half & Half Honey Kahlúa Lemon Juice Lime Juice Lime Slices for garnish **Mint Leaves** Orange Flower Water **Orange Juice Orange Slices Orgeat Passion Fruit Syrup**

Pineapple Juice Pineapple Slices for garnish

Powdered Sugar Rum (Light) Rum (Golden) Rum (Dark) Rum (Spiced) Rum (151 Proof) Sour Mix

Sugar Tequila Triple Sec Vanilla Ice Cream

Vodka

TIPS

Crushed Ice means Crushed Ice.

Use fruit frozen IN SYRUP, or add sugar to the drinks.

Floating 151 on any drink is dangerous.

Clean sheets on the spare room bed make your guests feel at home.

Nothing says party like a mirror ball.

Have enough tequila.





6 oz Vodka

4 oz Lime Juice

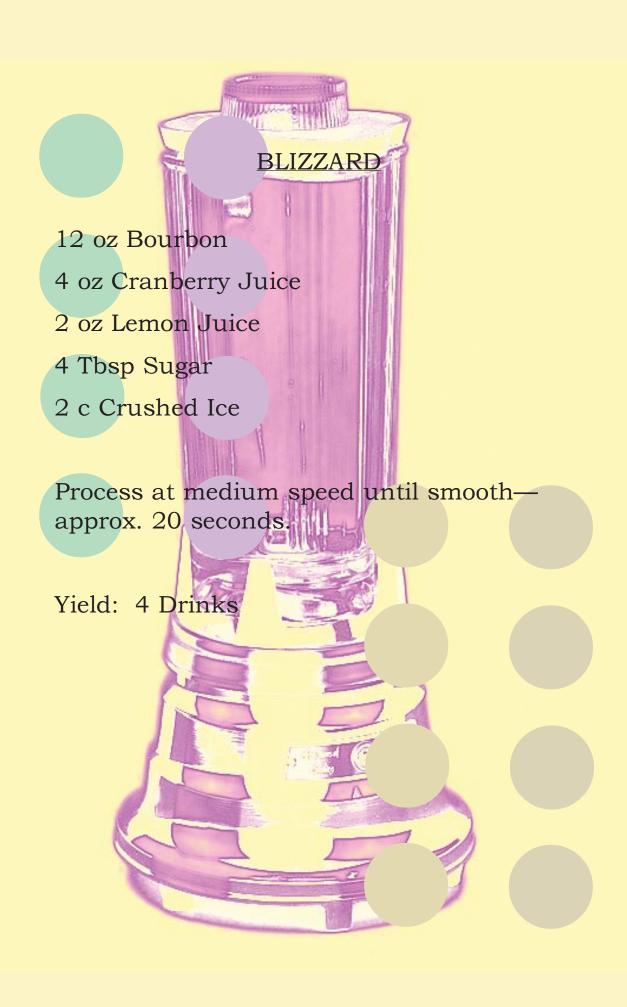
2 Bananas

4 tsp Honey or Orgeat

2 c Crushed Ice

Lime Slices

Process all except Lime Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Lime Slices.





- 4 oz Light Rum
- 4 oz Blue Curacao
- 4 oz Cream of Coconut (2 oz if using concentrate)
- 8 oz Pineapple Juice
- 4 c Crushed Ice

Cherries and Pineapple Slices

Process all except Cherries and Pineapple Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Cherries and Pineapple Slices.





8 oz Half & Half

6 oz Kahlua

6 oz Cream of Coconut (3 oz if using concentrate)

3 oz Light Rum

2 oz Dark Crème de Cacao

4 c Crushed Ice

Process at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds.



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- 4 oz Crème de Menthe
- 4 oz Anisette
- 2 c Vanilla Ice Cream

Process at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds.





8 oz Vodka

24 oz Orange Juice

4 Egg Yolks

4 tsp Sugar

2 c Crushed Ice

Orange Slices

Process all except Orange Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Oranges.



6 oz Light Rum

2 oz Triple Sec

3 oz Lime Juice

4 tsp Powdered Sugar

4 c Crushed Ice

Lime Slices

Process all except Lime Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Lime.

Yield: 4 Drinks

*For Frozen Fruit Daiquiri, add 2 c Frozen Fruit



8 oz Frozen Orange Juice Concentrate

6 oz Gin

4 oz Triple Sec

2 c Vanilla Ice Cream

2 c Crushed Ice

Orange Slices

Process all except Orange Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Oranges.

Yield: 4 Drinks

*For Virgin Dreamsicle, omit Liquors, increase Orange Juice to 2 cups and Ice Cream to 4 cups.



16 oz Orange Juice

6 oz Vodka

4 Eggs

2 c Crushed Ice

Ice Cubes

Process all except Ice Cubes at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Pour into glass over Ice Cubes.

Yield: 4 Drinks

15 seconds.



- 6 oz Light Rum
- 2 oz B<mark>rand</mark>y
- 8 tsp Passion Fruit Syrup
- 4 tsp Lemon or Lime Juice
- 2 c Crushed Ice

Process at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds.



8 oz Pineapple Juice

6 oz Tequila

2 oz Lime Juice

Pineapple Slices

Process all except Pineapple Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Pineapple Slices.



- 8 oz Light Rum
- 2 oz Pas<mark>sion</mark> Fruit Syrup
- 2 oz Lemon Juice
- 2 oz Lime Juice
- 2 c Crushed Ice

Cherries

Process all except Cherries at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Cherries.



8 oz White Crème de Cacao

4 oz Galliano

4 oz Half & Half

2 c Crushed Ice

Process at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds.



10 oz Bourbon

4 oz Lime Juice

2 oz Crème de Menthe

4 tsp Sugar

20 Mint Leaves

Cold Club Soda

Mint Sprigs

Ice Cubes

Process all except Club Soda, Mint Sprigs, and Ice Cubes at medium speed until smooth. Pour into glass over Ice Cubes and top with Club Soda, stirring gently. Garnish with Mint Sprigs.



6 oz Tequila

3 oz Lime Juice

2 oz Triple Sec

4 c Crushed Ice

Lime Slices

Process all except Lime Slices at medium speed until slushy—approx. 5 seconds. Garnish with Lime Slices.

Yield: 4 Drinks

*For Frozen Fruit Margarita, reduce Crushed Ice to 2 cups and add 2 cups Frozen Fruit (in syrup).



- 4 oz Light Rum
- 4 oz Jamaican Rum
- 4 oz Dark or Spiced Rum
- 2 oz Lime Juice
- 2 oz Passion Fruit or Guava Nectar
- 2 oz Pineapple Juice
- 2 oz Orange Juice
- 2 oz Orgeat
- 2 c Crushed Ice

Lime Slices

Mint Sprigs

Process all except Lime Slices and Mint Sprigs at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Lime Slices and Mint Sprigs.



6 oz Dark Rum

4 oz Guava Nectar

8 tsp Lime Juice

8 tsp Cream

2 tsp Sugar

1 1/3 c Crushed Ice

Process at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds.



16 oz Pineapple Juice

8 oz Light or Gold Rum

8 oz Cream of Coconut (4 oz if using concentrate)

2 c Crushed Ice

Pineapple Slices

Process all except Pineapple Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Pineapple Slices.



8 oz Brandy

4 tsp Lime Juice

4 tsp Pineapple Juice

½ tsp Bitters

2 c Crushed Ice

Lime Slices

Process all except Lime Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Lime Slices.



8 oz Gin

8 oz Cream

2 oz Lemon Juice

2 oz Lime Juice

8 drop<mark>s Or</mark>ange Flower Water

4 tsp Powdered Sugar

2 c Crushed Ice

Cold Club Soda

Orange Slices

Process all except Club Soda and Orange Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 20 seconds. Pour into chilled glass. Top with Club Soda. Garnish with Orange Slices.



10 oz Dark Rum

4 oz Lime Juice

8 Tbsp Brown Sugar

4 tsp Grenadine

2 tsp Triple Sec

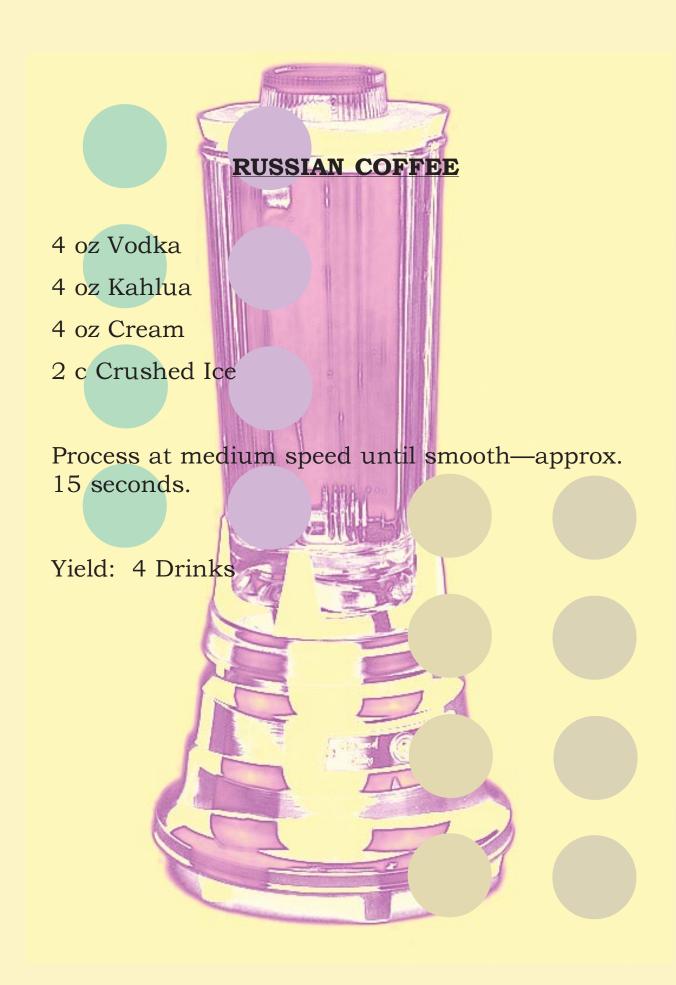
2 c Crushed Ice

Ice Cubes

Orange Slices

Cherries

Process all except Ice Cubes, Orange Slices, and Cherries at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Pour over Ice Cubes. Garnish with Orange Slices and Cherries.





6 oz Light Rum

4 oz Grapefruit Juice

8 tsp Lime Juice

4 tsp Cream of Coconut (2 tsp if using concentrate)

2 c Crushed Ice

8 tsp 151 Proof Rum

Process all except 151 Proof Rum at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Pour into glass and float 151 Proof Rum on top. Do not mix.

Yield: 4 Drinks

*For San Juanita (Virgin): Omit Rums, increase Grapefruit Juice to 8 oz, Lime Juice to 8 oz, Cream of Coconut to 4 Tbsp.



8 oz Light or Gold Rum

8 oz O<mark>range</mark> Juice

6 oz Lemon Juice

4 oz Brandy

2 oz Orgeat

2 c Crushed Ice

Orange Slices

Process all except Orange Slices at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Orange Slices.



Process all except Cherries at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Garnish with Cherries.



ZOMBIE

6 oz Light Rum

4 oz Passion Fruit or Guava Juice

4 oz Pineapple Juice

4 oz Orange Juice

3 oz Dark Rum

2 oz Brandy

2 oz Lime Juice

4 tsp Powdered Sugar

2 c Crushed Ice

4 tsp 151 Proof Rum

Orange Slices

Cherries

Mint Sprigs

Process all except 151 Proof Rum, Orange Slices, Cherries, and Mint Sprigs at medium speed until smooth—approx. 15 seconds. Pour into glass and float 151 Proof Rum on top. Do not mix. Garnish with Orange Slices, Cherries, and Mint Sprigs.