

Grasshopper Cocktail

St. Patrick's Day 2019, I invited all my immediate family, siblings and their children to a dinner and party. I told them that I had Irish whiskey, crème de menthe and Irish Cream liquor and that they should bring the ingredients to make an Irish drink. If they didn't wish to use my selections, I suggested recipes: Shamrock Shaker, Irish Coffee, Irish Shillelagh, The Leprechaun.

My niece by marriage brought the recipe and ingredients for the grasshopper and made me one. It was VERY good. I had another and then another! These go down smoothly and are deadly.

A **Grasshopper** is a sweet, mint-flavored, after-dinner drink. The name of the drink derives from its green color.

A typical **Grasshopper cocktail** consists of equal parts green crème de menthe, white crème de cacao, and cream shaken with ice and strained into a chilled cocktail glass.

Ingredients:

3/4 ounce cream

3/4 ounce crème de cacao (white)

3/4 ounce crème de menthe (green)

Garnish: grated chocolate, cocoa powder, or crushed graham crackers (for rim)

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Shake all ingredients

Give the grasshopper an extra kick by adding vodka. Pour the same 3/4 ounce as the other ingredients to maintain a balance of flavor.

Tipsy Cake (Irish)

1 pound stale cake (pound or angel)
3 TBSP Jam
1 measure whisky
5 oz sherry
1 pint warm custard
10 oz whipped cream

Break up the cake or cakes and gently mix the jam through -- the mixture does not have to be completely even. Place in a glass bowl. Mix sherry and whisky and sprinkle over cake. Press down lightly. Pour custard over the cake, and chill. Then spoon whipped cream over top and serve.

St. Patrick's Day Green Salad

Absolutely everything in this salad is Green.

The fun of making this salad begins at the grocery store selecting the fixings. Anything green, such as lettuce, spinach, cucumbers, peppers, snow peas, avocados, celery, green grapes, edamame and sprouts, is fit for the mix. Serve with your favorite salad dressing.