

Thanksgiving Cranberry Spritzer: The Bright, Bubbly Holiday Mocktail You Need

The Thanksgiving Cranberry Spritzer: The Bright, Bubbly Sip That Elevates Any Holiday Table



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INGREDIENTS

Swaps and Notes:

Juice Options: No cranberry juice? You can try a mix of cranberry-pomegranate. For the orange, lemon or lime juice can work, but you may need to add a splash of simple syrup to balance the acidity.

Sparkling Swap: Use ginger ale or sparkling apple cider instead of water for a sweeter, more complex mocktail flavor.

Spice it Up: For a truly autumnal feel, infuse your cranberry juice base with a couple of allspice berries or a cinnamon stick overnight.

Alcohol Alternatives: Replace vodka with gin for a herbaceous note, or top the mixture with Prosecco or Cava instead of sparkling water for a bubbly holiday cocktail.

DIRECTIONS

1. This recipe is designed to be quick and easy, which is exactly what you need on Thanksgiving day.
2. **Step 1: Mix the Base:** In a cocktail shaker or a simple large glass, combine the cranberry juice, orange juice, and the vodka (if you are using it). Give it a gentle stir or a quick shake to ensure the juices are well-blended.
3. **Step 2: Assemble the Glass:** Fill your serving glass(es)-I love a tall highball or a simple wine glass for this-with plenty of ice cubes. The colder the drink, the better the fizz and flavor.
4. **Step 3: Pour and Add Sparkle:** Pour the juice mixture over the ice, filling the glass about three-quarters of the way. Then, top the rest of the drink with sparkling water or club soda.
5. **Step 4: Garnish and Serve:** Add the final, festive touches. Drop in a few whole fresh cranberries (they float beautifully!) and wedge a slice of orange on the rim. A sprig of mint adds a beautiful contrast of color and a fresh, herbaceous aroma. Serve immediately!

SWAPS & NOTES

Cranberry Juice 1/2 cup I prefer unsweetened or light for a less syrupy taste.

Orange Juice 1/4 cup Freshly squeezed makes a noticeable difference in flavor!

Sparkling Water 1/4 cup Or club soda.

Make sure it's well-chilled for maximum fizz.

