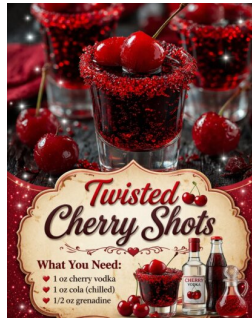


Twisted Cherry Shots Recipe: A Fizzy, Fun Party Cocktail with Cherry Vodka

Red sanding sugar, for the rim



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INGREDIENTS

1 ounce cherry vodka
1 ounce chilled cola
1/2 ounce grenadine
Red sanding sugar, for the rim
Corn syrup or lemon juice, to help the sugar stick
Ice, optional
Optional garnish: maraschino cherry or edible glitter

DIRECTIONS

1. Prep the glasses: Dip the rims of your shot glasses into corn syrup or lemon juice. This creates just enough stickiness to help the sanding sugar cling to the edge.
2. Add the sugar rim: Roll each rim in red sanding sugar until evenly coated. This gives the drink that signature sparkling finish and makes the shots look extra festive on the tray.
3. Mix the drink: In a shaker, combine the cherry vodka and chilled cola. Add a few ice cubes if you want the drink colder before serving.
4. Add the grenadine: Pour in the grenadine gently. For a prettier layered effect, add it slowly so it can settle before you pour into the glasses.
5. Pour and garnish: Pour the mixture into the prepared shot glasses. Garnish with a maraschino cherry or a pinch of edible glitter if you want a more playful presentation.
6. Serve right away: These shots are best served immediately while the cola still has its fizz and the sugar rim looks crisp and bright.

SWAPS & NOTES

that a nonalcoholic version works by omitting the vodka, which makes it flexible for mixed groups.

Raspberry vodka can create a berry-forward variation, while vanilla vodka gives it a sweeter dessert-cocktail feel.

If you want a less sugary shot, reduce the grenadine slightly so the cola and vodka stay more balanced.

For presentation, the sugar rim does a lot of the heavy lifting.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Use very cold cola so the shot tastes refreshing and keeps its sparkle.

Warm soda can flatten the drink quickly and make it taste overly sweet.

A chilled bottle or can straight from the refrigerator works best.

Pour the grenadine slowly if you want that dramatic layered look.

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