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Fizzes, spritzers and punch: Old-fashioned coolers with a twist

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Beauty & Essex

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This summer, bartenders are taking classic coolers — fizzes, spritzers, punch — and adding their own seasonal twists.

Beauty & Essex's co-founder and beverage director Peter Kane created the Beauty Elixir as a spritzer with a kick: It mingles gin with cucumber, strawberry and sparkling rosé.

"I recently had the best baby strawberries of the season at a farmers market, and I had to create a cocktail around them," he says. "It's just a perfect, refreshing combination — all of those things that you want when you have the salty taste of summer all around you."



► Beauty & Essex's Beauty Elixir will turn your sweaty shine into a rosy glow.

The Beauty Elixir

- ▶ 1½ oz. Oxley Gin
- ▶ ½ oz. strawberry puree
- ▶ ¼ oz. lemon juice
- ▶ ¼ oz. lemon simple syrup
- ▶ ¼ oz. rose champagne
- ▶ 2 slices cucumber

Directions: Put cucumber in a cocktail shaker and crush with a muddling paddle. Add the rest of the ingredients, except for the champagne. Shake well, strain and serve in a chilled cocktail glass. Top off with champagne and garnish with cucumber.



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