

Orange-Cranberry Sparkling Punch

Prep: 10 minutes plus chilling Serves: 8

- 1 medium orange, sliced
- 3 cups ice
- 12 ounces (1½ cups) cranberry juice, chilled
- 8 ounces (1 cup) refrigerated orange juice
- 8 ounces (1 cup) vodka
- 2 ounces (¼ cup) fresh lemon juice, chilled
- 16 ounces (2 cups) lemon lime soda, chilled

In punch bowl, add orange slices, ice, cranberry juice, orange juice, vodka, lemon juice; slowly add lemon lime soda and gently stir. Makes about 5¾ cups.

Helpful tips:

> Avoid diluting punch by creating an infused ice ring that will enhance flavors and presentation of your holiday refreshment. To create the ice ring, line a gelatin mold with the garnish of your choice such as citrus slices, pomegranate arils, fresh cranberries or fresh herbs, then fill with water. A holiday-shaped mold is also a great way to add a festive touch to the ice ring. Freeze until solid, then add another layer of water and freeze for several hours or overnight. Run warm water over bottom of mold to release the ice ring from the mold.