Patsy's Popular Party Punch

Quantity for 40 People

- 2lbs sugar (or less!)
- 3-4 pints of cold tea (14 teabags)
- 3 cartons fresh orange juice
- 3 cartons fresh grapefruit juice
- 6 large bottles ginger beer
- 1 bottle lemonade
- Cucumber, orange, lemon, lime and apple slices

If you want the punch to be cold, freeze the orange juice and grapefruit juice in a freezer overnight – this allows you to have a cold drink without adding ice cubes which would then dilute it!

The best way to break up the frozen fruit juice is to hammer it on all sides with a wooden or plastic mallet, then cut the carton open with a sharp knife.

- 1. The day before it is needed, or early in the morning, make up the tea.
- 2. While it is warm, remove the tea bags and add the sugar and stir till dissolved.
- 3. When the tea is cold cut up the fruit and cucumber into small pieces and add this to the cold tea.
- 4. Just before serving add the fruit juice if frozen break this up as described above.
- 5. At the very last minute add the ginger beer and lemonade that way you still have some "fizz" left! Keep the bottle and the caps.

Be prepared to make more than you need – it's lovely and it usually all goes! If you do have some left over, remove the fruit and pour the punch into the now empty ginger beer/lemonade bottles and store in a refrigerator. It keeps OK for a couple of day.

Don't bother adding alcohol to it – I've tried it an it doesn't affect the taste – it's fine as it is.

