

75 CLASSIC COCKTAIL RECIPES: ON THE MENU THE YEAR YOU (AND YOUR ANCESTORS) WERE BORN

These spirited concoctions have truly stood the test of time.

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According to [Aviation Gin](#), Ensslin is additionally responsible for the first publishing of the Aviation cocktail, a combination of gin, lemon juice, maraschino, and crème de violette — an extremely popular pre-Prohibition sipper known for its unique cloudy violet hue.

AVIATION AMERICAN GIN



1920-1933: GIN RICKEY

This is Prohibition era, and Americans begin to favor spirits that do not require aging given that production had to be quick and quiet. Gin becomes one of the most popular spirits in bootleggers' distilling operations, and cocktails like the gin Rickey (which swapped in gin for bourbon) are born as a result. It is said that F. Scott Fitzgerald counted [this clandestine cocktail](#) among his favorites.