

Stiff Upper Lip

The ingredients for the Stiff Upper Lip were inspired by both the *Downton Abbey* program and England itself. Champagne is used as the base as it was a common drink among the wealthy of England at the time and today is used as a celebratory beverage. Orange liqueur is an homage to the oranges given as gifts in winter months to demonstrate wealth in northern European countries. Blood Orange bitters not only ties the drink together but is a proper reflection of the characters and plot of *Downton Abbey*. Blood oranges often look like normal oranges on the outside but just wait til you cut into them — the inside color provides a surprising range from a pinky-red blush to a dark, almost black amber.

Fill a glass with champagne

Add .75 oz of Cointreau, or another Orange-based liqueur

Add a dash of Blood Orange Bitters

Stir and enjoy!

(Original recipe courtesy of KQED's Jacqueline Murray)