

Mappin and Webb recipe cocktail shaker

Sold



REF: 7392

Height: 25 cm (9.8")

Diameter: 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A good and very useful 1920s Mappin and Webb silver plate and gilt recipe cocktail shaker.

The shaker shows the recipe for many favourites and some unusual ones too:

Whisky sour

Alexander

Bacardi

Between the sheets

Bronx

Clover club

Dry martini

Dubonet

Gin Ricky

Manhattan

Old fashioned

Orange blossom

Palm beech

Side car

Tom Collins

Recipe cocktail shakers emerged alongside the rise of mixed drinks in the 19th century. Early bartenders like Jerry Thomas popularised measured combinations, encouraging tools that could both mix and guide proportions. By the late Victorian era, shakers with engraved recipes or measuring lines appeared, helping home entertainers recreate fashionable drinks.

During the 1920s these shakers became both practical tools and conversation pieces, often decorated with Art Deco designs. They allowed users to follow classic formulas without books. After mid-century decline, interest revived in the craft cocktail movement, restoring recipe shakers as nostalgic functional barware.