Rhubarb gimlet

This cocktail recipe was inspired by the one they serve at 69 Colebrook Row, a superb little cocktail bar in London.

Makes: as many as you want...

6 parts rhubarb juice (see below)3 to 4 parts good gin2 parts sugar syrup (eg Monin, or home-made)

½ to 1 part freshly squeezed lime juice

a few dashes of grapefruit bitters (optional)

ice

a small lime zest twist



- 1. Stir together with plenty of ice, then strain into martini glasses and garnish with a twist of lime zest, being sure to squeeze its essential oils over the cocktail first.
- 2. Make another round.

Rhubarb juice

Makes: approx 500ml

1kg rhubarb, as pink as you can find half a small glass of water

- 1. Wash rhubarb and chop into one inch pieces. Place in a saucepan with water, cover and cook over low heat until all exploded and juicy, about 20 minutes. Stir occasionally to check it's not sticking.
- 2. Strain through a jelly bag or sieve lined with muslin. Let drip for several hours or overnight. Store juice in the fridge or freezer.