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11 Bourbon Cocktails That Old-Fashioned Lovers Need to Try

There's a whole world of bourbon cocktail recipes, from variations on the classic Old Fashioned to new-school creations.

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The Old Fashioned is one of the most basic and enduring whiskey cocktails, in large part because of its simplicity. Built around three core ingredients, it provides ample space for bartenders to let their imaginations soar and riff on the building blocks.

“Old Fashioned cocktails before Prohibition called for any spirit of choice, a little bit of bitters, a touch of sugar, and a citrus twist,” said Sam Nelis, beverage director at Landcrafted Bar at Barr Hill Distillery. “I personally prefer mine with bourbon, but I also like to get creative and use other aged spirits.”

Those who love this classic whiskey cocktail, particularly bourbon fans, are in luck. There's a wide array of bourbon-based cocktails, including riffs on the classic Old Fashioned, that you can make yourself at home. We asked some top bartenders to provide some bourbon cocktail recipes that are easy to make, and here are ten of the best.

Easton Manhattan



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- 2 oz Wathen's Bourbon
- 1 oz Nardini Amaro
- 3 drops Bogart's Bitters

Method: Combine ingredients in mixing glass, add ice, stir and strain into martini glass. Garnish with a cherry, if desired.