#### 29MAKING KOMBUCHA

# **EQUIPMENT**

- 1 Gallon Sized Jar
- Clean Fabric Square large enough to fit over top of jar
- Rubber Band
- Large Pot or Tea Kettle
- Measuring Cup
- · Fine Mesh Strainer, optional

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 3 quarts filtered water, brought to a boil and cooled
- 8 tea bags black caffeinated tea
- 1 cup white cane sugar
- 1 SCOBY
- 2 cups starter Kombucha tea from previous batch (starter tea)
- 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar (only required if no starter Kombucha tea is available

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Boil 3 quarts of water (or boil 2 quarts and reserve 1 quart for cooling)
- 2. Pour boiled water into a clean, heat-proof gallon jar
- 3. Add tea bags to the jar and allow to brew for 10 minutes
- 4. Remove tea bags and do not squeeze them
- 5. Add sugar to the jar, stir well, and allow sugar to dissolve
- 6. Wait until the tea has cooled or add reserved 1 quart to speed up the cooling process)
- 7. Add SCOBY to the jar
- 8. Add starter tea
- 9. Cover jar with fabric and secure with a rubber band
- 10. Place jar in room temperature area out of direct sunlight (between 68°-85°)
- 11. Taste test the Kombucha after 7 days to see if it is to your liking. If you would like it to be tangier, test it again after 10 days up to 20 days.
- 12. Once you like the taste, remove the SCOBY, stir the mix, and remove 2 cups), and put this tea and the SCOBY into a clean jar (for the next batch). Bottle the remaining tea if you are not adding any flavoring. If you want it carbonated, leave the bottled tea (Kombucha) in a warm area so it can ferment and become carbonated. (This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> ferment).

## FOR FLAVORED KOMBUCHA

There are many ways to flavor your Kombucha using fruit, sugar, honey, or table sugar. Here are some ideas to mix and match.

Lemon Ginger (1/2 cup lemon juice, 1 T. ginger and 4 tsp. honey)

Pineapple Basil Raspberry
Lemon Ginger Spiced Pear
Blueberry Banana Rosemary
Grape Blackberry Vanilla
Turmeric Beet Pomegrana

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Ginger Cranberry Mint Lime Mojito
Pumpkin spice Mango Apple Cinnamon

Chia Seed