mango rita

While others are sipping the real thing, here's an easy and delicious version you can make for nondrinkers using the same margarita mix you have on hand. This margarita is smooth and cool, and perfectly suited to any Mexican food you may be serving, so don't be surprised when it turns a few heads. Using a colorful salt to rim the glasses makes this mocktail especially festive.

SERVES 2

Lime wedge, for rimming
Colored coarse salt, for rimming
1 mango, peeled, seeded, and diced
1 cup crushed ice
1 cup prepared margarita mix
¼ cup orange juice
2 mango slices, for garnish

Rub the lime wedge around the rims of 2 margarita glasses, then dip the rims of the glasses in the salt.

Combine the diced mango, ice, margarita mix, and orange juice in an electric blender and puree until smooth. Divide the mixture between the 2 rimmed glasses and serve garnished with the mango slices.