The Decorator Pattern defined

Let's first take a look at the Decorator Pattern description:

**The Decorator Pattern** attaches additional responsibilities to an object dynamically. Decorators provide a flexible alternative to subclassing for extending functionality.

While that describes the role of the Decorator Pattern, it doesn't give us a lot of insight into how we'd apply the pattern to our own implementation. Let's take a look at the class diagram, which is a little more revealing (on the next page we'll look at the same structure applied to the beverage problem).