STRAWBERRY-BASIL AGUA FRESCA

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**Ingredients:** Yields 4 servings

1 pound strawberries, hulled

½ cup sugar

6 large basil leaves

2 tablespoons lemon juice

4 cups cold water

Ice, for serving

Basil sprigs, optional as garnish

**Directions:**

* In the pitcher of a blender, add the strawberries, sugar, basil leaves, and lemon juice
* Puree on high for 1 minute
* Add half of the cold water and puree again for an additional minute
* Pour into a large serving pitcher and stir in the remaining water
* Serve the agua fresca over ice and garnish with a basil sprig, if desired