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