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# Strawberry Lemonade (& Cocktail)

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*Source: Some Kitchen Stories, makes about 1 1/2 gallons lemonade*

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
2 cups water  
1 gallon cold water  
2 cups fresh lemon juice  
2 cups sliced strawberries plus more for garnish  
fresh mint  
gin (optional)

- <sup>1</sup> Make the simple syrup: combine the 2 cups sugar with the 2 cups water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over low heat. Stir until the sugar dissolves, remove from heat and allow to cool.
- <sup>2</sup> Make the strawberry puree: combine the berries with 2 Tablespoons sugar and allow to rest for 10 minutes. Blend the berries and sugar in a blender or food processor until finely pureed. Press mixture through a fine-mesh strainer.
- <sup>3</sup> Add a gallon of cold water and the lemon juice to a pitcher. Add the simple syrup and strawberry puree and stir well.
- <sup>4</sup> Fill glasses with lemonade and ice, garnish with fresh mint sprig and sliced strawberries.
- <sup>5</sup> *Optional cocktail version: add 1.5 oz gin to 1 cup strawberry lemonade and stir well.*