

## **Speedy Strawberry Lemonade**

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1 (12 ounce) can of frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

1 pint of fresh strawberries

1/4 cup to 1/2 cup of sugar or sugar substitute, or to taste

Water to fill 2 quart pitcher

Sliced lemons and maraschino cherries, for garnish, *optional*

Clean and wash strawberries, add to food processor and process until pureed. Strain and press through a sieve to remove any larger chunks of fruit and gunk - don't skip this step, it really makes a difference! Combine the lemonade and strawberry puree in a pitcher, add 1/4 cup of sugar or sugar substitute and water. Stir to blend well, taste and add additional sugar if desired.

*Note:* Can also substitute [homemade lemonade concentrate](#) - simply add the base (without the water) along with the strawberry puree and sugar, then fill pitcher with water. Can also substitute a 16-ounce package of frozen, thawed strawberries. Whirl in a blender or food processor, then strain into the pitcher and proceed with recipe. If they are sweetened strawberries, you may still need a bit of sweetener - simply taste first, start with about 1/8 cup of sweetener, taste and adjust as needed to taste.

*Variation:* Substitute frozen limeade concentrate for the lemonade. May also substitute 2 large (12 to 14 ounce) jars of maraschino cherries, with their juices, pureeing one jar, or 3 cups of pureed and strained, seedless watermelon, for the strawberries. Add vodka or rum for an adult beverage, but remember to drink responsibly and don't drink and drive.

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