

Blackberry Basil Lemonade

Yield: 6 servings

3 ½ cups water
1 cup fresh basil
1 pint blackberries
¾ cup sugar
1 cup fresh lemon juice

Method:

Combine 2 cups water, basil, 1 cup blackberries (chopped) and sugar in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Simmer 5 minutes. Strain through a fine sieve, pressing the solids. Cool.

Add remaining 1 ½ cups water and lemon juice. Garnish with whole blackberries and a few leaves of shredded basil.

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