

Lemonade is the quintessential flavor of summer and epitomizes the notion of fresh ingredients for simple food.

There are so many bad imitations around and the real thing is so easy to make. For extra flavor, add a few slices of lemon to each pitcher, or you can just toss in a few squeezed lemon halves.



Fresh Lemonade

Yields 1½ quarts

1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
(5 to 6 lemons)
½ to ¾ cup superfine sugar, to taste

1 cup crushed ice
4 cups water

Place all the ingredients in a blender and process until completely smooth. Serve over ice.

This recipe is from *The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook*.