Blueberry Basil Lemonade

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 5 minutes

1/2 C fresh blueberries 3 C cold water

1/4 C sugar 1/4 C fresh basil leaves, torn

1/2 C water Ice cubes

1/2 C brewed Blueberry tea, cooled Lemon slices and fresh blueberries for

1 C fresh lemon juice (about 4-6 lemons) garnish (optional)

Prepare the blueberry syrup: In a small saucepan, combine the fresh blueberries, sugar, and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce the heat and let it simmer for 5 minutes, until the blueberries are soft and the mixture has thickened. Remove from heat and let it cool. Strain the syrup through a fine mesh sieve to remove the solids.

Mix the lemonade: In a large pitcher, combine the blueberry syrup, brewed tea, fresh lemon juice, and cold water. Stir well.

Add the basil and ice: Add the torn basil leaves and ice cubes to the pitcher.

Serve chilled: Pour the lemonade into glasses and garnish with lemon slices and fresh blueberries if desired. Enjoy this refreshing blueberry basil lemonade.