

## **Strawberry Fruit Leather Recipe (with Beets)**

Simple and nutrient-dense natural fruit leather snacks made with fresh strawberries, optional honey and sneaky extra nutrients from beets.

Serves: 16+

## **Ingredients**

- 2 medium beets, peeled and steamed until soft (optional, sub ½ cup extra strawberries if you don't use)
- 4 cups of fresh or frozen strawberries (defrost if using frozen)
- ½ cup honey or maple syrup (optional) or ½ cup pitted dates
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon, lime or orange juice

## **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 170 degrees (or use a dehydrator)
- 2. Puree the cooked beets (cooled), strawberries, honey/maple syrup/dates, and citrus juice in a blender until completely smooth. If using frozen defrosted berries, the liquid will be thinner. If using fresh berries, you may have to add a couple teaspoons of water to get the mixture smooth enough to spread. The mixture should be pourable but not thin enough to run off the baking sheet.
- 3. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper or silicon baking mats (safe at low temperatures).
- 4. Pour/spread the mixture evenly onto the two lined baking sheets.
- 5. Place in oven and cook until firm and no longer sticky to the touch (3-4 hours in most ovens).
- 6. Remove from oven and let cool.
- 7. Cut into strips and roll up with parchment paper. Store in an air-tight container until ready to eat.
- 8. Can be stored in the refrigerator or freezer in an airtight container for up to a week (fridge) or two months (freezer).

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