

2nd Place – Inspired by Music

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Lemon Cake

- 2 cups white sugar
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup shortening
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 egg whites
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 2 cups cake flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk
- lemon filling
- zest of one lemon

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease and flour 2 9" inch pans. Cream butter, shortening, and sugar, beating well at medium speed. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Mix after each addition. Stir in lemon extract and zest. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Gently fold into batter. Pour batter into 2 greased and floured 9-inch round cakepans. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes; remove from pans, and let cool completely on wire racks. Fill with lemon filling, frost as desired.

Musical Inspiration: Sweetest Thing by Lauryn Hill. The song starts out with the lyrics, "The sweetest thing I've ever known...." This cake is reminiscent of these lyrics.