Susie's Sweet Tea

(1 gallon)

Ingredients:

- tea bags (I like to use Lipton's, Luzianne, or Tetley. I use 1-gallon size bag from Sam's which is equivalent to 2 or 3 family size bags or 8-12 regular size bags)
- 4 c. boiling water
- 1 1/2 2 c. sugar (*optional*)
- lemons, sliced (optional)

Directions:

Add the tea bags to the boiling water. Remove from heat and cover.

Let sit for 10-20 minutes. (Some people don't let it sit that long and others let it sit longer. This is a matter of personal taste.)

Remove the tea bags.

Add the sugar to the tea and stir to dissolve completely. (You can omit the sugar for unsweet tea or use another sweetener if desired.)

Pour the tea into a Gallon Pitcher and add cold water or ice to fill the container.

Add sliced lemons, if desired.

Most people prefer to chill the tea for a bit before drinking but I like it freshly made too.