



RECIPE

## Lemon-basil shortbread

For just a few weeks this time of year, spring herbs overlap the last of the winter citrus. Take advantage of this inspired combo in a buttery, tangy shortbread.

■ Preheat oven to 300°. In a food processor, whirl 1 cup butter (at room temperature),  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel, 1 tablespoon lemon juice,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cups all-purpose flour, 6 tablespoons cornstarch, and 1 tablespoon minced fresh basil leaves until smooth. Press dough into two 8-inch cake pans with removable rims. Press tines of a fork around edges to make a ridge pattern, then pierce dough with fork in parallel lines about an inch apart. Bake until firm to touch and slightly browned, about 45 minutes (40 in convection oven). Sprinkle hot rounds with 2 tablespoons sugar. Remove pan rims and cut each round, while still warm, into 12 or 16 wedges. Let cool completely on pan bottoms on racks, then remove wedges and serve or store airtight up to 1 week. Makes 24 or 32 wedges. —SARA SCHNEIDER