





## Timbal de verduras

**Timbal** takes its name from the metal ring used to hold the dish together, in this case layers of roasted vegetables. "Timbal" in origin is the name of a shallow, single headed metal cased drum from Cuba. There are many types of "timbal" in modern Spanish cuisine. This one is based on our **coca recipe**, on a base of potato, held together by a 4" "timbal".

## **Ingredients**

- 1 eggplant
- 1 zucchini
- 1 spring onion
- 1 medium sized potato
- 3 cherry tomatoes (halved)
- A handful of mushrooms, sliced and fried in olive oil
- Salt, pepper, olive oil

Optional spices: pimentón, oregano, thyme or rosemary

## **Preparation**

Split eggplant, zucchini, potato & onions lengthwise, and roast in a hot oven (385°F/200°C) until nicely browned - 50 minutes or so.

Roughly chop the onion, scoop out pulp from the eggplant & zucchini. remove skin & slice potato.

Set the ring on a piece of foil or baking parchment on a baking sheet, cover the bottom with the potato slices. Press down, add a drizzle of olive oil and a pinch of salt.

Then layer the onion, then eggplant, zucchini & the fried mushrooms.

Sprinkle each layer with a little salt & pepper (and spices if using), top with cherry tomatoes & another drizzle of olive oil.

Bake in a hot oven (385°F/200°C), until the tomatoes start to wrinkle. (mine took about 15 minutes).

Let cool a bit. Use the foil/paper to lift ring & all to a serving plate, gently slide out the foil/paper, lift off the ring with care and it's there.

Garnish with a sprig of thyme or rosemary, and a drizzle of your best olive oil.

## Note:

- 1. Other vegetables to consider: red or green pepper, fennel, leek, etc.
- 2. The 4" ring used here makes a hearty serving for one.
- 3. Can be also be made in any type of baking dish, the ring just makes for a nicer presentation.
- 4. The zucchini has a high water content and will take a while to cook through. (Under cooked, it can make the result soggy.)



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