## Baked Lasagna

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Baking lasagna is an ideal candidate for this cooking mode in your oven. When you are cutting your vegetables, cut the denser vegetables (squash) thinner than the softer ones (mushrooms).

I wanted to enhance the flavor without excessive steps and add some dry soup mix as a secret ingredient in the Lasagna. Select your favorite brand of dry soup mix or a totally crazy idea; make your own seasonings to flavor this Lasagna up. This separates the bland from the fantastic!

## **Ingredients**:

- 1 box no-boil lasagna sheets or fresh pasta sheets
- 1 15 ounce ricotta cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 package Wind & WIllow garlic herb cheese ball mix
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- 4 ounces shredded Parmesan
- 2 zucchini
- 2 yellow squash
- 3 Portobello Mushrooms, stemmed and cleaned
- 1/2 cup grated carrot ( add some for an extra veggie boost)
- 1 cup pesto
- 1 jar marinara or 2 cups of fresh tomato sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Olive oil

## Method:

- 1. Oil a 13" x 9" casserole.
- Trim the ends and slice lengthwise 1/2" thick, the zucchini & squash. Cut the mushroom in 1/2" slices.
- 3. Season the vegetables with S & P.
- 4. In a bowl combine the cheeses, eggs, seasonings, carrot and pesto.
- 5. Ladle some Marinara on the bottom of pan then cover with 4 sheets of pasta.
- 6. Cover with 1/3 of the cheese mixture and layer three slices of each vegetable.
- 7. Top with some marinara.
- 8. Repeat these steps two more times, then, top with mozzarella.
- 9. Cover with wax paper and foil.

- 10. Set Convection oven 350°f
- 11. After preheat, bake for 1 hour or until a meat thermometer registers 165.
- 12. Remove foil and wax paper and
- 13. Continue to cook ten minutes or until cheese is lightly brown.
- 14. Remove from oven and let the casserole rest for 10 minutes before cutting into portions.