



Serves 4 • Preparation time: 5 minutes plus chilling

This is a magical little dish that makes a huge impression on guests. Served in small shallow dishes, the 3–4 pieces of watermelon have something a bit Zen-like about them, which is why this recipe could also be called "Zen on a plate."

1/8 watermelon
3-4 basil leaves
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
pinch of salt

1 Cut out the watermelon flesh from the shell, remove the seeds, and slice into bite-size cubes. Slice the basil leaves into thin strips.

2 Put the cubes of melon into a bowl. Add the balsamic vinegar and basil, and combine very carefully so that the watermelon cubes remain intact. Season to taste with a bit of salt, and let stand for a few minutes. Put the dish into the refrigerator to chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

Divide the melon cubes between small shallow bowls or plates, and serve as an appetizer.



