## **Macaroni and cheese**



Recipe credit

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## **About this recipe**

Serves

5

Serving size

1/5 of prepared recipe

Time to make

10 minutes preparation; 42 minutes cook time.

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## **Ingredients**

- 1/2 8-ounce package whole grain elbow macaroni
- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups skim milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups (8-ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- Optional: 1/2 cup bread crumbs

#### **Directions**

- 1. Cook noodles according to package directions
- 2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- 3. In medium saucepan, melt margarine or butter. Stir in flour. Gradually stir in milk. Cook, stirring constantly over medium heat until sauce thickens. Stir in salt and pepper.
- 4. Add cheese and stir until cheese melts.
- 5. Stir cheese mixture into cooked pasta.
- 6. Spoon pasta into a greased 2-quart baking dish.
- 7. Top with bread crumbs if desired.
- 8. Bake 30 minutes.

#### Tips and variations

- Make this dish healthier by adding chopped vegetables when you mix the cheese sauce with the pasta. Try onion, broccoli, red pepper, corn, tomatoes, or cauliflower.
- Try using a combination of cheeses instead of just cheddar.
- Reheat leftover macaroni and cheese in the microwave. Add a little more milk before heating and stir frequently.

### **Nutritional info**

Calories

379

Total fat

22.3 g

Saturated fat

10.3 g

Cholesterol

50 mg

Sodium

713 mg

Total carbohydrates

26.9 g

Dietary fiber

1.9 g

Protein

19.2 g

Total sugar

7 g

Allergens

Dairy

Wheat

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