

BAKED MAC AND CHEESE WITH BROCCOLI

Yield: 6 Servings Cost/Serving: \$2.20

Ingredients:

8 oz whole grain elbow macaroni

2 tsp oil

3/4 cup diced onion

1 1/3 cups milk (skim or low-fat)

2 tbsp corn starch

2 tbsp milk(skim or low-fat, for thickener)

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

3/4 tsp paprika

1/2 tsp dry mustard

1/4 tsp salt

1 pinch black pepper

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8 broccoli crowns

Directions:

- 1. Boil pasta in 3 quarts water per pound. Be careful to not overcook as pasta will get mushy. Drain well and rinse with cold water. Pour cooked pasta into a baking dish.
- 2. Heat the oil. Add the onion and garlic and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until softened but not brown, about 5-7 minutes.
- 3. Add the milk and continue cooking, do not bring to a boil. DO NOT add the milk that is dedicated for the "thickener" until step 4.
- 4. Thoroughly whisk the cornstarch into the remaining cold milk to make the thickener. Add the thickening mixture to the boiling milk, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes.

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6 servings per container Serving size 3/4 cup	(0.0g)
Amount Per Serving Calories 2	260
	ly Value*
Total Fat 9g	12%
Saturated Fat 3.5g	18%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 20mg	7%
Sodium 310mg	13%
Total Carbohydrate 34g	12%
Dietary Fiber 7g	25%
Total Sugars 8g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 15g	
Vitamin D 0.6mcg	4%
Calcium 300mg	25%
Iron 1.7mg	10%
Potassium 730mg	15%

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- 5. Reduce heat to low and add the cheddar cheese, paprika, mustard, salt, and pepper, stirring constantly until cheese melts, about 1 minute.
- 6. Chop the broccoli crowns. If you are using the stems, discard the bottom 1-2 inches, peel the stems with a sharp knife, and slice thinly.
- 7. Steam the broccoli in a steamer or in a large pot with 2 inches of boiling water, covered, over high heat, until bright green and softened but not mushy, 5-7 minutes. Drain broccoli.
- 8. Combine broccoli, cheese sauce, in the baking dish, adding salt and pepper, as necessary.
- 9. Blend bread and parmesan in a food processor until the breadcrumbs are fine. Sprinkle on top.
- 10. Bake until cheese is bubbling and crust browns, covering with aluminum foil it if it gets too dark, at 325°F for about 30-35 minutes.

Source: MT Harvest of the Month and Massachusetts Farm to School Cookbook

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