



Butternut Squash Mac 'N Cheese

6 servings

Whole grain foods are a good source of fiber, iron, B vitamins, and protein.

- 1 small butternut squash OR ½ large butternut squash, scrubbed with a clean vegetable brush under running water
- 1 ½ Tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups uncooked whole wheat pasta (macaroni or rotini)
- ½ cup white onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt (optional)
- ½ teaspoon dried mustard (optional)
- ½ teaspoon paprika (optional)
- ¾ cup low-fat milk
- 1 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded
- ½ cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
 - 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
 - 2. Preheat oven to 350 °F.
 - 3. Cut squash in half and remove skin and seeds.
 - 4. Cut flesh into small cubes and place on sheet pan sprayed with non-stick cooking spray.
 - 5. Brush squash with 1 Tablespoon of olive oil and sprinkle evenly with pepper and garlic powder. Roast in the oven for about 25 minutes or until soft.
 - 6. While the squash is roasting, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
 - 7. In a small skillet, heat ½ Tablespoon of olive oil on medium heat. Add onion and sauté until soft.
 - 8. Place squash, onion, milk, and optional spices (dried mustard, paprika and salt) into a blender and puree until smooth.
 - 9. Pour puree over noodles and mix evenly.
 - 10. Stir in shredded cheese. Add milk to adjust consistency if desired.
 - 11. Store leftovers in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to four days.

Nutrition Information per Serving: (1/6 of recipe) Calories 277, Total Fat 12 g, Saturated Fat 6 g (26% DV), Cholesterol 26 mg (9% DV), Sodium 393 mg (17% DV), Total Carbohydrate 33 g (25% DV), Dietary Fiber 4 g (18% DV), Sugars 6 g, Protein 12 g, Vitamin D 3%, Potassium 14%, Calcium 32%, Iron 10%.



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