



Calories: 1480

# **LONE STAR GREEN PEPPER MAC & CHEESE**

with a Crispy Panko Topping



PREP: 5 MIN COOK: 30 MIN CALORIES: 1100



## HELLO

### SOUTHWEST SPICE BLEND

This mix of chili powder, garlic, and cumin brings major flavor to the luscious sauce.

## EASY BEING CHEESY

In step 4, to make sure all the cheese melts evenly, break out a whisk and stir between each of the three additions.

## **BUST OUT**

• Medium pot	Small bowl
Aluminum foil	• Whisk
<ul> <li>Baking sheet</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Baking dish</li> </ul>
• Strainer	• Large pan 😒
<ul> <li>Kosher salt</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Black pepper</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Olive oil (2 tsp   2 tsp)</li> </ul>	
Carabinana (171 tana) 🔿	

- Cooking oil (1 tsp | 1 tsp) 🔄
- Butter (1 TBSP | 2 TBSP)
   Contains: Milk

# **GET SOCIAL**

#### Share your **#HelloFreshPics** with us **@HelloFresh**

(646) 846-3663 HelloFresh.com



#### 1 PREP

- Adjust rack to top position and preheat oven to 425 degrees. Bring a medium pot (large pot for 4 servings) of salted water to a boil. Wash and dry produce.
- Halve green pepper lengthwise; remove stem and seeds. Dice tomato.
   Peel garlic clove and place in the center of a small piece of foil; drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Cinch into a packet.



#### **2 ROAST VEGGIES**

- Place green pepper halves, cut sides down, on a baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil; season with salt and pepper.
   Place garlic foil packet on same sheet.
- Roast on top rack until green pepper is tender and lightly blistered and garlic is softened, 15-17 minutes.
- Remove from oven. Once cool enough to handle, transfer everything to a cutting board. Dice green pepper. Mash garlic with a fork.
- Heat broiler to high or heat oven to 500 degrees.



#### **3 COOK PASTA & MAKE TOPPING**

- Once water is boiling, add cavatappi to pot. Cook, stirring occasionally, until al dente, 9-11 minutes.
- Reserve **¾ cup pasta cooking water**, then drain.
- Meanwhile, place 1 TBSP butter (2 TBSP for 4 servings) in a small microwave-safe bowl; microwave until melted, 30 seconds. Stir in panko and half the Southwest Spice Blend (you'll use the rest later). Season with salt and pepper.
- While pasta cooks, heat a drizzle of oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add beef\* and cook, breaking up meat into pieces, until cooked through, 4-6 minutes.



#### 6 FINISH & SERVE

- Transfer mac & cheese to an 8-by-8-inch baking dish (for 4 servings, use a 9-by-13-inch baking dish).
   Sprinkle with seasoned panko; broil or bake until panko is browned and crispy, 2-3 minutes. TIP: Watch carefully to avoid burning.
- Divide between plates or serve directly from baking dish.





# 4 MAKE SAUCE

- Heat empty pot used for pasta over medium heat. Add cream sauce base, cream cheese, and remaining Southwest Spice Blend; bring to a simmer, whisking, until smooth, 1-2 minutes.
- Reduce heat to low and whisk in pepper jack, Monterey Jack, and Mexican cheese blend until melted and smooth.



## **5 MIX MAC & CHEESE**

- Stir drained cavatappi, mashed garlic, diced green pepper, and tomato into pot with cheese sauce. If needed, stir in reserved pasta cooking water a splash at a time until cavatappi is coated in a creamy sauce. Taste and season with salt and pepper if necessary.
- Stir **beef** into pot along with **drained cavatappi** until evenly combined.