# Vegan Mac and "Cheese"



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## Ingredients

1.5 cups unsalted raw cashews

2 cups water

Fresh juice from 1 lemon

1/2 cup nutritional yeast

1/4 teaspoon turmeric

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

1.5 teaspoon salt

2 cups shredded vegan "cheddar cheese"

12 ounces elbow macaroni



1.5 cups panko breadcrumbs

4 tablespoons vegan "butter"

1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika

### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat over to 350° F
- 2. Cover cashews with boiling water and soak for at least 5 minutes.
- 3. Cook pasta as instructed on package.
- 4. Drain cashews and discard water; put cashews in high-speed blender with clean water, lemon juice, nutritional yeast, turmeric, garlic powder, onion powder, and salt and blend until very smooth.
- In small pan, fry breadcrumbs in butter and season with paprika
- 6. In lightly greased casserole dish, mix cooked/drained pasta, cheese sauce, and shredded cheese, mixing to combine so pasta is fully coated.
- 7. Sprinkle with breadcrumb mixture, and bake for 15-20 minutes.

### Buen Provecho!

### **Tips**

- You can slightly undercook the pasta as it will continue to cook in the oven.
- Personalize the dish by adding cooked chopped vegetables or vegan bacon bits to mixture before baking.

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