## Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese with Parmesan Breadcrumbs

6 Servings • 1 Serving = 1 Cup

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 butternut squash
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 5 cups macaroni
- ½ stick of butter
- · ½ cup of flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated
- ¼ cup breadcrumbs
- Handful of chives

## DIRECTIONS

- 1 Prohest oven to 425°F
- Slice the butternut squash into 1-inch squares. Place on a baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil and roast for 20 minutes, stirring halfway through. Reduce oven heat to 350°F once the squash is finished cooking.
- Bring a pot of water with a pinch of salt to a boil. Boil the macaroni for 2 minutes less than package instructions. Drain and place in an oven safe dish.
- 4. On the stove, melt butter in a pan on medium heat. Add the flour and allow to cook for 30 seconds before whisking well. Remove from the heat and add the milk slowly, whisking continuously until you have a thick sauce. Cook on the stove for another 2 minutes without stirring. Add the cheddar cheese to the pan and mix well. Remove from heat and let rool for 1.2 minutes.
- Pour sauce into a blender or food processor and add butternut squash. Puree until blended well.
- 6. Pour the cheese sauce over the macaroni and mix well.
- 7. In a small bowl, combine the parmesan cheese and breadcrumbs. Mix to combine.
- 8. Sprinkle the crumb mixture over the top of the macaroni and place in the oven.
- 9. Cook the macaroni in the oven for 20 minutes.
- 10. Remove from the oven, Garnish with chives before serving.

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