

RECIPES

Lightened Up Mac and Cheese

INGREDIENTS:

Nonstick cooking spray

4 cups whole wheat penne pasta, dry

1 large Vidalia onion

9 garlic cloves

1 tsp dry mustard

Pinch of cayenne pepper

2 cups shredded 2% reduced fat

cheddar cheese

2/3 cup non-fat plain Greek yogurt

½ cup whole wheat bread crumbs

½ cup parmesan cheese

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Makes 8 servings

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F, mist 9x13 pan with cooking spray, set aside.
- Roughly chop onion and garlic, add 1/2 cup water and place in microwave safe bowl.
 Cover with plastic wrap and microwave for 10 minutes. Season with ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper and place mixture into food processor, blend until smooth.
- Bring large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain but save about 1 cup pasta water.
- 4. While pasta is cooking, bring onion-garlic puree, mustard, and cayenne to a simmer over medium heat, stirring often. Whisk in cheddar cheese until melted. Remove from heat and whisk in yogurt.
- 5. In medium bowl, toss pasta with cheese sauce. Add pasta water as needed to help sauce stick to pasta.
- 6. Pour mixture into baking dish, top with bread crumbs and parmesan cheese. Bake 10 min until hot throughout and enjoy!

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