### 2 – 9" x 5" aluminum trays

# Make Ahead Mac and Cheese Recipe

Course: Main Course, Side Dish

Cuisine: American

Servings: 4



## **Ingredients**

- 8 oz. cheddar cheese shredded
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack cheese shredded
- 1 1/2 cups macaroni noodles cooked al dente (freezes well and cooks well)
- 5 Tbsp. butter

- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper

### **Instructions**

#### **Assembly instructions:**

- 1. In a large skillet, melt 3 Tbsp. butter.
- 2. Add the flour and stir over medium heat until the mixture is lightly browned.
- 3. Pour in the milk and whisk.
- 4. Add the salt and pepper and cook over medium heat until the sauce thickens and starts to bubble.
- 5. Slowly stir in both types of cheese (saving a little bit of the cheese to sprinkle on top later) and the last 2 Tablespoons of butter, then whisk until smooth and melted.
- 6. Add the al dente elbow noodles once the cheeses have melted and mixed well.
- 7. Pour into two foil baking dishes. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.
- 8. Cool completely and then cover with saran wrap or aluminum foil (we prefer aluminum foil). *Press down into the sides of the cooking pan to ensure that no air is trapped under the wrap*. This will protect your dish from freezer burn and prolong its freezer life.
- 9. Then, cover with foil cover. Make sure label sticks to cover.

## **Cooking instructions:**

- 1. Take tray or bag out of the freezer. Thaw in fridge overnight.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350°.
- 3. Bake in an oven safe baking dish for 20 minutes or until golden brown.
- 4. Serve and enjoy!

#### FREEZING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARED MEALS:

- ✓ Cool meal **completely**!!!
- ✓ PLEASE DO NOT OVER FILL THE CONTAINERS...LEAVE ABOUT 1" TO ¾" SPACE FROM TOP.
- ✓ Cover with saran wrap or aluminum foil (we prefer aluminum foil).



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✓ Then, cover with foil cover that was given. Make sure label sticks to cover.