

Cauliflower Mac and Cheese

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Cooking and Prep:  40
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Serves:  6

Contains:   

Preference: Dairy

Difficulty: Medium

Occasion: Chanukah, Nine Days

Diet: Vegetarian, Pescetarian

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Classic mac and cheese is a family favorite, and here I've improved it with delicious roasted cauliflower, which boosts nutrition and enhances the flavors and texture. The breadcrumbs add a nice crunch, but are optional. Serving this with a salad rounds things out for a satisfying meal.

Ingredients (17)

Mac and cheese

- 1 (16-oz.) package small pasta (elbow or spiral, such as [Tuscanini Pasta Fusili](#))
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk

3 cups shredded cheese, any kind (mozzarella, cheddar, white cheddar)

1 teaspoon salt

Cauliflower

1 (16-oz.) bag frozen cauliflower, slightly thawed and rinsed

3 tablespoons **Bartenura Olive Oil**

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon onion powder

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme or oregano

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Bread crumbs

1/3 cup **Gefen Seasoned Breadcrumbs**

2 tablespoons butter

chopped parsley, as a garnish

Start Cooking

For the Cauliflower

1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
2. Place the cauliflower on a rimmed baking sheet and season with paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, pepper, and thyme. Drizzle with olive oil and toss well to coat.
3. Roast until golden brown, about 20 to 25 minutes.

For the Pasta

1. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta until al dente, approximately 8 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water to stop the cooking process. Set

aside.

2. To make the roux, return the large pot to the stovetop over medium heat and melt the butter. While constantly whisking, add the flour and stir vigorously until a smooth paste forms. Add the milk, still constantly stirring.
3. Add the cheese and whisk until melted. (If the sauce is too thick, add more milk. If it's too thin, add more cheese.) Pour the pasta back into the pot and stir to coat. Remove from heat.
4. In a small saucepan, melt 2 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Add the bread crumbs and sauté until golden and crisp.
5. To serve, pour the pasta onto a serving platter (or into individual bowls), add the cauliflower, and top with toasted bread crumbs and parsley. Serve immediately.