



**SPINACH MAC
AND CHEESE**

ALWAYS A DELICIOUS AND WARMING DISH, THIS MAC AND CHEESE IS LIVENED UP WITH SPINACH, MUSTARD AND A LITTLE SMOKED PAPRIKA.

Meal Type: Main
Costs per serving: 63p
Cooking Time: 25 Minutes
Preparation Time: 15 Minutes
Serves: 4

INGREDIENTS

30g Butter
1 Small Onion - peeled and chopped
300g Dried Short Pasta
1 Tbsp Mustard
30g Plain Flour
500ml Milk
100g Spinach Leaves - washed, large stems removed
100g Cheddar Cheese
1 Egg Yolk
A pinch of Smoked Paprika
A pinch of Salt and Pepper

Per serving:

Energy 546kcal, Fat 20.7g, Carbohydrates 65g, Fibre 5.4g, Protein 22.3g, Salt 1.2g

METHOD

1. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Add the pasta and cook for 1-2 minutes less than the pack instructions. Remove from the heat, drain and cool under some cold water if not using immediately.
2. Preheat the oven to 180C.
3. In a non-stick pan, melt the butter and add the diced onion. Cook gently for 2-3 minutes until the onion is soft.
4. Add the flour and mix well. Stir over the heat for a minute or so.
5. Add the milk a little at a time, stirring well over the heat to form a smooth paste after each addition. Keep it moving so it does not burn.
6. When you have added all the milk, you should have a smooth sauce.

Add the spinach, chopping up or tearing any really big leaves. Stir in well over the heat, allowing the spinach to wilt.

7. Remove from the heat, then add the mustard, three quarters of the cheddar and stir well until it is all melted. Stir in the egg yolk. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
8. Mix the pasta with the sauce and place into an oven proof dish. Top with the remaining cheese and sprinkle a little smoked paprika on top.
9. Place into the oven for 20-25 minutes until nicely browned and piping hot.

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