

INGREDIENTS







1 Clove | 2 Cloves Garlic



6 oz | 12 oz Cavatappi Pasta Contains: Wheat



1 TBSP | 2 TBSP Flour Contains: Wheat



1 Cup | 2 Cups White Cheddar Contains: Milk



1/2 Cup | 1 Cup Mexican Cheese Blend Contains: Milk



Poblano Pepper 🖠



Smoky Red Pepper Crema Contains: Milk, Soy



1 TBSP | 2 TBSP Southwest Spice Blend



6 TBSP | 12 TBSP Cream Cheese Contains: Milk



1.5 oz | 3oz Food Should Taste Good™ Blue Corn Tortilla Chips



1tsp | 1tsp Hot Sauce

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TORTILLA CHIP CRUST

Crushed blue corn tortilla chips topped with melty cheeses add satisfying crunch to mac 'n' cheese.

EPIC NACHO MAC 'N' CHEESE

with a Tortilla Chip Crust, Poblano & Smoky Red Pepper Crema



CALORIES: 1120

gluten-free, and Kosher certified.

COOK: 25 MIN

PREP: 5 MIN



FLOUR POWER

In step 4, you'll make a *roux*, or a mixture of flour and butter that works wonders to thicken sauces and soups. Cooking the mixture first gives it a toasted, nutty flavor—but since it can brown in a flash, be sure to stir constantly so the flour doesn't burn.

BUST OUT

- Medium pot
- Small bowl
- Strainer
- Medium pan
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper
- Vegetable oil (1 tsp | 1 tsp)
- Butter (2 TBSP | 3 TBSP)
 Contains: Milk

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1 PREP & MIX CREMA

- Heat broiler to high. Bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil. Wash and dry all produce.
- Core, deseed, and dice poblano into ½-inch pieces. Trim and thinly slice scallions, separating whites from greens. Peel and mince garlic.
- Place smoky red pepper crema in a small bowl. Add water 1 tsp at a time until mixture reaches a drizzling consistency. Season with salt and pepper.



2 COOK PASTA

 Once water is boiling, add cavatappi to pot. Cook until al dente, 9-11 minutes.
 Drain.



3 START SAUCE

- While pasta cooks, heat a drizzle of oil
 in a medium, preferably ovenproof,
 pan over medium heat (use a large
 pan for 4 servings). Add poblano and
 season with salt and pepper. Cook,
 stirring, until softened, 4-5 minutes.
- Add 2 TBSP butter (3 TBSP for 4), scallion whites, garlic, and Southwest Spice; cook, stirring, until butter melts and scallion whites are softened, 1 minute.



4 FINISH SAUCE

- Stir flour into pan and cook until pasty,
 1 minute. Gradually stir in ½ cup
 water (¾ cup for 4 servings) until fully combined.
- Add cream cheese and cook, stirring, until fully incorporated and sauce has thickened. 1-2 minutes.
- Turn off heat; stir in **cheddar** until melted and smooth. Taste and season with **salt** and **pepper**.



5 MIX & BROIL MAC 'N' CHEESE

- Stir drained cavatappi into pan with sauce until coated. Taste and season with salt if needed. If mixture is too thick, add a splash more water. TIP: If your pan isn't ovenproof, transfer mixture now to a baking dish.
- Using your hands, crush tortilla chips and evenly sprinkle over mac 'n' cheese. Top with an even layer of Mexican cheese.
- Broil until cheese melts, 2-3 minutes.
 TIP: Watch carefully to avoid burning.



6 SERVE

 Drizzle mac 'n' cheese with smoky red pepper crema. Top with scallion greens and as much hot sauce as you like. Serve.

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