

# Baked Mac 'n Cheeze

GLUTEN-FREE + VEGAN



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**YIELDS:** 6 servings

## STEP 1:

In a large pot, bring the water and salt to a boil. Add macaroni and cook until al dente. In a colander, drain pasta and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

## STEP 2:

In a food processor, make breadcrumbs by pulverizing the bread and 2 tablespoons margarine to a medium-fine texture. Set aside.

## STEP 3:

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a saucepan, add shallots, potatoes, carrots, onion, and water, and bring to a boil. Cover the pan and simmer for 15 minutes, or until vegetables are very soft.

## STEP 4:

In a blender, process the cashews, salt, garlic, 1/3 cup margarine, mustard, lemon juice, black pepper, and cayenne. Add softened vegetables and cooking water to the blender and process until perfectly smooth.

## STEP 5:

In a large bowl, toss the cooked pasta and blended cheese sauce until completely coated. Spread mixture into a 9 x 12 casserole dish (86L: I used 9 x 9, which worked perfectly), sprinkle with prepared breadcrumbs, and dust with paprika. Bake for 30 minutes or until the cheese sauce is bubbling and the top has turned golden brown. (86L: I also put mine under the broiler at 500°F for just 2-3 minutes at the end, just to brown up the breadcrumbs. Watch it closely so it doesn't burn!)

## INGREDIENTS:

- 4 quarts water
- 1 Tbsp sea salt
- 8 ounces macaroni  
*(gf if needed, I recommend quinoa pasta)*
- 4 slices of bread, torn into large pieces  
*(gf if needed or use pre-made gf breadcrumbs)*
- 2 Tbsp + 1/3 cup non-hydrogenated vegan margarine *(such as Earth Balance, which is also gf)*
- 2 Tbsp shallots, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup red or yellow potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1/3 cup onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup raw cashews
- 2 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/8 tsp cayenne
- 1/4 tsp paprika