

# MAC AND CHEEZE



## **INGREDIENTS**

## **Cheeze Sauce**

1 cup raw cashews or old-fashioned oats for lower fat version

2 cups vegetable stock

1 cup water

6 Tablespoons cornstarch

½ cup nutritional yeast

2 Tablespoons lemon juice

2 teaspoon salt

4 oz tomato paste

2 cloves garlic

## **Seasoned Bread Crumbs**

2 cups whole wheat bread crumbs use gluten-free or omit if gluten-sensitive 2 tbsp nutritional yeast 1 tsp smoked paprika ½ tsp garlic powder or granules ½ tsp sea salt

#### Pasta

4 cups dry whole grain macaroni pasta or other shape, use gluten-free if sensitive

## **DIRECTIONS:**

## Make Cheeze Sauce

- If you have a high speed blender (Vitamix or other): Add all of the sauce ingredients into the blender and bring to high speed until smooth. Keep the blender running on high until the sauce gets steamy and thick, about 5 minutes. You'll see the consistency change and hear the sound of the blender change when the sauce thickens.
- If you do not have a high speed blender: Soak the cashews in warm water about an hour, then drain. Add all of the sauce ingredients into a blender (including new water from the ingredients list) and bring to high speed until smooth and creamy. Pour this into a saucepan and bring to a boil and simmer until thick. Or just use old-fashioned oats.

### Make Seasoned Bread Crumbs

• Combine the seasoned bread crumb ingredients into a small bowl and set aside.

### Cook Pasta and Toss with Cheeze Sauce

• Mix cooked pasta and cheeze sauce in a large bowl. Toss well until well-coated and then transfer to a casserole dish or baking pan.

## Top with Seasoned Crumbs and Bake

- Bake at 350°F, uncovered, in your preheated 350°F oven for 20 minutes.
- Remove from oven. Let cool for 10 minutes. Spoon into bowls. Devour.