

## **SKILLET MAC AND CHEESE**

Yield: 12 Servings | Serving Size: 1/2 cup

Cost/Serving: \$0.38

## Ingredients:

3 Tablespoons butter

1/2 large onion, chopped

3 cups finely chopped fresh spinach or 3/4 cup frozen

chopped spinach (thawed and squeezed dry)

2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour

3 cups milk

1/2 cup water

2 1/2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni

8 ounces (2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese

## **Directions:**

- 1) Wash the spinach (if using fresh spinach).
- 2) Collect, chop, shred, and measure all ingredients before starting to prepare the recipe.
- 3) Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat.
- 4) Add the onion and cook for another 2 minutes. Add the spinach and cook for 2 minutes or until wilted.
- 5) Add the flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring occasionally.
- 6) Add the milk and water, stirring frequently. Bring the mixture to a simmer.
- 7) Add the uncooked macaroni. If the macaroni is not completely covered by liquid, add additional water to bring the level of the water just over the macaroni.
- 8) Cover and simmer over low heat, for 8 to 9 minutes, stirring occasionally. The mixture will thicken as it simmers.
- 9) Once the macaroni is tender, remove from the heat.

## **Nutrition Facts**

12 servings per container

Amount Per Serving
Calories 1/2 Cup (121g)
230

Calories	230
	% Daily Value
Total Fat 11g	14%
Saturated Fat 6g	30%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 30mg	11%
Sodium 180mg	8%
Total Carbohydrate 23g	8%
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%
Total Sugars 4g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 10g	20%
Vitamin D 1mcg	4%
Calcium 229mg	20%
Iron 1mg	6%
Potassium 205mg	4%

<sup>\*</sup>The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.



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- 10) Add the shredded cheese and stir to combine. Cover and let sit for 5 minutes before serving.
- 11) Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours. Eat within 3 to 5 days.

**Be creative!** Try using whole wheat pasta. Substitute other veggies like peas or carrots for spinach.

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