

Loaded Mac N' Cheese

total time: 1 hr, 15 min | servings: 8 | \$0.93 per serving\*

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> teaspoon salt
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon ground pepper
- 4 Bar-S Classic Franks, cut into 1 inch slices
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> package Bar-S Smoked Bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
- 1 (8 oz.) package elbow macaroni
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 (8 oz.) package American cheese, cut into strips
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup panko bread crumbs

## GET COOKING

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Cook bacon until crisp, cool then crumble, reserve.
- 3. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat, add flour and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in milk, salt and pepper, continuing to stir frequently until mixture boil and thickens.
- 4. Bring a pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni and cook for 8–10 minutes or until al dente, drain.
- 5. Add the sharp cheddar and American cheeses to the milk mixture, stir until cheese is melted. Combine the cheese sauce with the macaroni, frank slices and bacon crumbles. Transfer into a 2-quart lightly sprayed baking dish. Top with panko breadcrumbs.
- 6. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until hot and bubbly.

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