

## AMERICAN MAC N CHEESE

## **INGREDIENTS**

200g macaroni pasta <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> onion - peeled and diced <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pepper - peeled and sliced 1 small can sweetcorn 4 cooked sausages (meat or veg) - sliced 75g reduced fat mature cheese – grated 100ml cream cheese 100ml crème fraiche 100ml milk 75g reduced fat mature cheese – grated

## EQUIPMENT

large saucepan, colander, wooden spoon, chopping board, sharp knife, microwaveable mixing bowl or jug, can opener, dessertspoon, teaspoon, medium sized oven proof dish, grater SERVES: 4

**PREP TIME:** 20 minutes **COOK TIME:** 15-20 minutes

ALLERGENS: cereals containing gluten, milk

## METHOD

- 1 Half fill a large saucepan with cold water. Place the pan on the hob and bring to the boil. Carefully add the pasta and cook for 10-12 minutes, then drain into a colander and place in a large mixing bowl.
- 2 Prepare the vegetables and sausages (if using) and add them to the pasta.
- Place the cream cheese, crème fraiche, milk and mixed herbs into a large jug. Carefully mix together until you make a smooth sauce, then add had half of the cheese.
- Pour the sauce onto the pasta and mix together. Then transfer to a medium sized oven proof dish (or foil dishes) and sprinkle over the rest of grated cheese.
- **5** Cook in a pre-heated oven (180°C/Gas 4) for about 15-20 minutes until the cheese has melted and the top is crispy and golden brown. Alternatively, place under a medium heat grill for 5-10 minutes.
- Serve the Mac n Cheese with some homemade garlic bread, steamed vegetables or a side salad.





