HALLOWEEN MAC AND CHEESE



Prep Time: 25 minutes



Cook Time: 25 minutes



Total Time: 50 minutes



Equipment Needed:

4-quart pot
2-quart saucepan
3-quart casserole dish
Measuring cups
Measuring spoons
Whisk

Ingredients:

2 packages of boxed macaroni and cheese (such as Kraft Blue Box), keep the cheese packets for the sauce

¼ cup unsalted butter

¼ cup all-purpose flour

2 cups 2% milk

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

1 cup canned pure pumpkin puree (unsweetened)

1 head of broccoli, washed and cut into small florets

2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Cook and drain macaroni as directed on the package, using the minimum cook time.
- 2. Meanwhile, in a 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in flour; cook for 1 minute, stirring continuously with a whisk. Remove from the heat; stir in milk. Heat to a simmer; cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir in salt, pepper, pumpkin puree and cheese packets. Add additional 1 3/4 cups of cheddar cheese. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the cheese is melted.
- **3.** Add macaroni to cheese sauce, add broccoli florets and stir until coated. Pour into an ungreased 3-quart casserole. Top with remaining 1/4 cup cheese.
- **4.** Bake uncovered for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.