

Cheesy Chicken Pasta

Mother-in-Law's cheesy chicken and pasta bake



Ingredients

- 8 oz penne noodles
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup diced red peppers
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp all purpose flour
- 1.5 cups milk
- 3 cups shredded cheddar jack cheese, divided
- 1 (13 ounce) can chunk chicken (or 1 1/2 cups shredded chicken)
- 1 Tbsp ranch seasoning powder
- pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Prepare the noodles according to the package directions. Drain when finished cooking.
2. Melt the butter in a large skillet. Add the peppers and sauté for 1-2 minutes.
3. Add the garlic and flour and stir and cook for another 1-2 minutes.
4. Slowly whisk in the milk and cook on medium until thick. Add 2 cups of cheese and stir until melted and creamy.
5. Stir in the cooked pasta, chicken, ranch powder, and 3/4 cup cheese. Season to taste with pepper.
6. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup cheese on top and cover until the cheese melts. Serves 6.

Special Notes

Easy way to use up extra chicken and vegetables. Just throw in at the end with pasta.

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