

Jalapeño Popper Mac & Cheese

Prep: 15 minutes Slow Cook: 1 hour 45 minutes • Serves: 12

- 2 cans (12 ounces each) evaporated milk
- 1 package (16 ounces) elbow macaroni
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cut into small pieces
- 3¹/₂ cups finely shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups whole milk
- 34 cup chopped pickled jalapeños
- ³⁄₄ cup cubed unsalted butter (1½ sticks)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1¹/₂ teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs

1. In 5- to 6-quart slow cooker, stir evaporated milk, macaroni, cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, milk, jalapeños, ½ cup butter, salt, dry mustard, black pepper and paprika; cover and cook on low 1 hour 45 minutes or high 50 minutes, or until macaroni is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in lime juice. Makes about 11 cups.

2. In large skillet, melt remaining ¼ cup butter over medium-high heat. Add breadcrumbs; cook 1 minute or until browned, stirring frequently. Serve mac & cheese sprinkled with breadcrumbs.

Approximate nutritional values per serving (about 1 cup): 553 Calories, 31g Fat (14g Saturated), 99mg Cholesterol, 592mg Sodium, 40g Carbohydrates, 0g Fiber, 10g Sugars, 18g Protein