



# CAULIFLOWER BACON MAC 'N' CHEESE

with Cavatappi & Scallions



## HELLO CAVATAPPI

This bouncy, springy pasta shape takes its name from the Italian word for "corkscrew."

**PREP: 5 MIN** | **TOTAL: 35 MIN** | **CALORIES: 890**



Scallions



Bacon



Flour  
(Contains: Wheat)



Chicken Stock Concentrate



Cauliflower Florets



Cavatappi Pasta  
(Contains: Wheat)



Milk  
(Contains: Milk)



Italian Cheese Blend  
(Contains: Milk)

## START STRONG

In step 4, you'll be making a béchamel (that's a flour-thickened sauce). Stir the flour constantly after adding and incorporate the milk in a whisking motion—this will make the sauce silky smooth.

## BUST OUT

- Large pot
- Whisk
- Baking sheet
- Kosher salt
- Strainer
- Black pepper
- Large pan
- Paper towels
- Olive oil (2 tsp | 2 tsp)
- Butter (1 TBSP | 2 TBSP)  
(Contains: Milk)

## INGREDIENTS

Ingredient **2-person** | **4-person**

- Scallions **2** | **4**
- Cauliflower Florets **10 oz** | **20 oz**
- Cavatappi Pasta **6 oz** | **12 oz**
- Bacon\* **4 oz** | **8 oz**
- Flour **1 TBSP** | **2 TBSP**
- Milk **6.75 oz** | **13.5 oz**
- Chicken Stock Concentrate **1** | **2**
- Italian Cheese Blend **½ Cup** | **1 Cup**

\* Bacon is fully cooked when internal temperature reaches 145 degrees.

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## 1 PREP & ROAST CAULIFLOWER

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bring a large pot of **salted water** to a boil. **Wash and dry all produce.** Trim and thinly slice **scallions**, separating whites from greens. Toss **cauliflower** on a baking sheet with a large drizzle of **olive oil** and a pinch of **salt** and **pepper**. Roast until tender, 20-25 minutes.



## 4 MAKE CHEESE SAUCE

Melt **1 TBSP butter** (2 TBSP for 4 servings) in same pan over medium heat. Add **scallion whites**; cook until softened, 1 minute. Add **flour** and stir constantly until lightly browned, 1-2 minutes. Slowly whisk in **milk**, **¼ cup reserved pasta cooking water** (½ cup for 4), and **stock concentrate**. Increase heat to high and boil until slightly thickened, 1-2 minutes. Turn off heat; whisk in **Italian cheese**. Season with **salt** (we used ½ tsp; 1 tsp for 4) and **pepper**.

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## 2 COOK PASTA

Once water is boiling, add **cavatappi** to pot. Cook, stirring occasionally, until al dente, 9-11 minutes. Reserve **1 cup pasta cooking water** (1½ cups for 4 servings), then drain.



## 5 FINISH MAC 'N' CHEESE

Chop **bacon** into small pieces. Stir bacon, **cavatappi**, and **cauliflower** into pan with **sauce**. **TIP:** If needed, stir in more reserved cooking water 1 TBSP at a time until pasta is coated in a creamy sauce.



## 3 COOK BACON

Meanwhile, heat a large, dry pan over medium-high heat. Add **bacon** and cook, turning occasionally, until just crispy, 6-10 minutes. Turn off heat. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate. Discard all but **1 tsp bacon fat** (2 tsp for 4 servings) from pan.



## 6 SERVE

Divide **mac 'n' cheese** between plates. Garnish with **scallion greens** and serve.

## PERFECT PAIRING

Have some grated Parm on hand? Sprinkle it on top for an extra cheesy finish.

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