

# Baked Macaroni and Cheese

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## Ingredients:

### **For the Pasta:**

- any short pasta)
- Water for boiling
- 1 teaspoon salt

### **For the Cheese Sauce:**

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk (warm)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)

### **For Topping:**

- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar or mozzarella cheese (optional)