## Extreme Mac and Cheese

| Ingredient           | Quantity        |
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| Salt                 | ī Тbsp.         |
| Small elbow macaroni | ı lb.           |
| Sharp cheddar cheese | 8 oz.           |
| Pepper jack cheese   | 8 oz.           |
| Butter               | ¼ cup           |
| Cheddar cheese soup  | 3× 10¾ 02. cans |
| Milk                 | 2 cups          |
| Diced ham            | 8 oz.           |
| Black pepper, ground | ½ tsp.          |
| Mustard seed, ground | ½ tsp.          |

## **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. Bring a large pot of water to boil, add salt.
- 3. Grate and combine cheeses.
- 4. Cook macaroni in boiling water until al-dente.
- 5. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water and drain.
- 6. Return macaroni to pot, add butter and stir until coated.
- 7. Mix in condensed cheddar cheese soup, pasta water, milk, pepper, ground mustard, ham, and ½ of the cheese.
- 8. Transfer mixture to a  $9 \times 13$  dish, spread evenly.
- 9. Top with remaining shredded cheese.
- 10. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until cheese is golden.