Extreme Mac and Cheese

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1 lb. small elbow macaroni
- 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
- 8 oz. pepper jack cheese
- ¼ cup butter

- 3× 10¾ oz. cans Cheddar Cheese Soup
- 2 cups milk
- 8 oz. diced ham
- ½ tsp. black pepper, ground
- ½ tsp. mustard, ground

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 cheddar cheese soup, pasta water, milk, pepper, ground mustard, ham, and ½ of the cheese.
- 8. Transfer mixture to a 9×13 dish, spread evenly.
- 9. Top with remaining shredded cheese.
- 10. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until cheese is golden.