



Taco Pasta Bake



Ingredients:

- 1lb-1 ½ ground beef
- 1 pkg/envelope of taco seasoning
- ½ - ¾ of a bag of large noodle pasta like ziti)
- 1 C water
- ½ pkg of cream cheese (about 4oz)
- 1 ½ C shredded cheese

Method:

1. Boil pasta until just cooked, drain, run cold water over it
2. Brown ground beef
3. Mix together taco season and 1C of water, pour over cooked beef and let simmer for about 5 minutes until the liquid has reduced
4. Add the ½ pkg of cream cheese to the beef mixture, stir until melted and combined, remove from heat
5. Put pasta in your casserole dish or pot, mix in 1C of the shredded cheese
6. Top pasta and cheese with beef mixture, gently mix until the pasta is coated
7. Top with remaining ½ C of shredded cheese
8. Bake at 350 uncovered for approx 30 minutes
9. Boil pasta, do not overcook it as you will be baking it later. I like rigatoni and ziti for this recipe, but any big noodles will do.