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## Vegetarian Truffle Mac & Cheese

**with balsamic reduction, mushrooms & fresh parsley**

On its own, mac 'n cheese is already hard to resist. However, add truffle oil and two extra kinds of cheese, and you have yourself a dangerously delicious dinner! Add fresh parsley for flair and sunflower seeds for crunch, and marvel at the magic of this mouthwatering dinner. You might want to keep the pot nearby for seconds and thirds, don't say we didn't warn you...

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**Hands-on Time:** 35 minutes

**Overall Time:** 45 minutes


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**Serves:** 2 People

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**Chef:** Thea Richter

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## Ingredients & Prep

200g	Macaroni Pasta
10g	Sunflower Seeds
250g	Button Mushrooms <i>roughly sliced</i>
125ml	Panko Breadcrumbs
8g	Fresh Parsley <i>rinsed, picked &amp; roughly chopped</i>
60g	Italian-style Hard Cheese <i>grated</i>
85ml	Cream Cheese
80g	Cheddar Cheese <i>grated</i>
100ml	Fresh Cream
40g	Green Leaves <i>rinsed</i>
10ml	Truffle Oil
20ml	Balsamic Reduction

## From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)  
Salt & Pepper  
Water  
Butter

**1. MAKING MAC** Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the macaroni. Cook the macaroni until al dente, 8-10 minutes. Drain, reserving a cup of pasta water. Return the pasta to the pot and cover.

**2. SUNNY SEEDS** Place the sunflower seeds in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-3 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

**3. MMMUSHROOMS** Return the pan to medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the sliced mushrooms until golden, 5-6 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and season.

**4. MAKE THE CRUMB** Return the pan to medium-high heat with 60g of butter and a drizzle of oil. Once melted, add the breadcrumbs and fry until lightly toasted and golden, 1-2 minutes. Remove from the heat and toss through ½ the chopped parsley, ½ the Italian-style hard cheese, and seasoning.

**5. CHEESY STEP** When the pasta is done, add the cream cheese, the grated cheddar cheese, the remaining Italian-style hard cheese, the cream, the fried mushrooms, and seasoning to the pot of cooked pasta. Loosen with the reserved pasta water until the desired consistency.

**6. TOSS THE SALAD** In a bowl, combine the toasted sunflower seeds, the rinsed green leaves, a drizzle of olive oil, and seasoning.

**7. MARVELOUS MAC 'N CHEESE** Plate up the mac 'n cheese. Drizzle over the truffle oil (to taste). Sprinkle over the toasted breadcrumbs and the remaining parsley. Side with the sunflower seed salad drizzled with the balsamic reduction. Wow, Chef!



## Chef's Tip

To cook food 'al dente' means that it should still be firm when bitten. It must be tender, but not soft. Taste the pasta as it cooks to make sure you get it just right!

## Nutritional Information

Per 100g

Energy	1101kJ
Energy	263kcal
Protein	10g
Carbs	26g
of which sugars	4.3g
Fibre	2.3g
Fat	13.4g
of which saturated	7.2g
Sodium	130mg

## Allergens

Egg, Gluten, Dairy, Wheat, Sulphites

Cook  
within 3  
Days