Beans, Rice (And Everything Mice

Mac and Cheez (AKA Butternut Squash Sauce)



Ingredients

makes 2 medium or 4 small servings

- 1 cup peeled and cubed frozen butternut squash
- 1/2 cup peeled and cubed potato (any kind)
- 1/2 cup cubed red or orange bell pepper
- 1/4 cup cut onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 Tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon tahini
- 1 Tablespoon light miso
- 1/4 cup packed minced parsley leaves and tender stems (optional)
- 1-1/2 cups dry gluten-free pasta

- For the pasta: Start cooking the pasta according to the package directions. Once drained, return it to the cooking pot. Make the sauce at the same time.
 - For the sauce: Add the the butternut squash, potato, bell pepper, onion, garlic, and water to a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, cover, reduce heat to medium, and simmer until tender, about 10-15 minutes...
- Drain the vegetables, reserving the cooking water, and add to a blender. Add the apple cider vinegar, lemon juice, tahini, miso, and 1/4 cup of the reserved cooking water, and puree until smooth.
- 3. Add the minced parsley and the sauce to the cooked pasta in the pot and mix well. Serve garnished with salt and pepper to taste and a sprinkle of smoked paprika. Yum!
- **7ip:** For a more substantial meal, add your favourite beans or marinated and steamed tempeh or tofu. Serve with steamed broccoli and a big salad.