## **Harvest Hope Food Ministry Spring 2023 Recipe**



## **CLASSIC MACARONI SALAD**

Prep Time: 30 Minutes Cook Time: 15 Minutes

Servings: 12

Calories: 295 Fat: 16g Carbs:32g Protein: 5g

## Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1cup mayonnaise or Salad Dressing
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, or more to taste
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon white sugar, or more to taste
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- ¾ cup diced red bell pepper
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup grated carrot (optional)
- ¼ cup diced jalapeno pepper (optional)
- ¼ cup diced poblano pepper (optional)
- 1. Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, Dijon, salt, black pepper, and cayenne together in a bowl until well blended. Whisk in sugar, then stir in celery, bell pepper, onions, carrots, jalapeño pepper, and poblano pepper. Cover and refrigerate until macaroni is ready.
- 2. Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil. Cook macaroni in the boiling water, stirring occasionally, until tender but firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain but do not rinse.
- 3. Let macaroni drain in a colander for about 5 minutes, shaking out the moisture from time to time. Pour macaroni into a large bowl; toss to separate and let cool to room temperature, 10 to 15 minutes. Macaroni should be sticky.
- 4. Pour dressing over macaroni and stir until evenly distributed. Cover and refrigerate until macaroni absorbs the dressing, at least 4 hours or overnight if possible.
- 5. Stir salad before serving. Mix 1 tablespoon of water and 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise into salad for a fresher look.

