

No-Boil Pasta Bake



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 16 ounce dry pasta like Rigatoni, Penne, Rotini or Ziti
- 24 ounce jar of tomato pasta sauce
- 24 ounces of water
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Optional:
 - 2 tsp Italian seasoning
 - 1 tsp garlic powder
 - 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. Brown ground beef in a skillet and drain.
3. Combine uncooked pasta, 1 jar of sauce, water, ground beef (plus optional seasonings) in a 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Stir. Cover with aluminum foil.
4. Bake 30 minutes. Uncover and stir well.
5. Top with mozzarella cheese and sprinkle Parmesan on top, if desired. Bake uncovered for an additional 10 minutes or until cheese melts and pasta is tender.

WHY THIS WORKS WITH KIDS

Pretty much everyone enjoys cheesy pasta, and this one feels like magic since it cooks all together. Kids can dump, stir, and measure. If you prefer, skip the ground beef step and add in small frozen meatballs or other cooked protein.