

Potato Tot Casserole

Servings 9 | Prep time 20 mins. | Total time 1 hour 10 mins.

Equipment: Baking Dish, Large Frying Pan, Measuring Cups and Spoons **Utensils:** Stirring Spoon

Ingredients

Non-stick spray

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
- 5 cloves garlic, pressed or minced or 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 8 ounces white button mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cups, or 1 12 ounce package frozen vegetable mix
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2/3 cup low-fat milk
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup shredded low-fat cheese
- 1 pound (16 ounces) frozen potato tots

Instructions

- 1. Before you begin, wash your hands, surfaces, and utensils.
- 2. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with non-stick spray and set aside.
- 3. Heat the butter and oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion, cook for 3 or 4 minutes until onions become translucent, then add the sliced mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5-7 minutes or until the mushrooms have cooked down. Add the frozen mixed vegetables and cook for another 7-9 minutes until melted water from frozen vegetables has mostly evaporated. Season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Pour milk into the frying pan and add flour. Stir constantly until the mixture starts to thicken.
- 5. Remove from heat and transfer to the baking dish. Top with the shredded cheese. Arrange frozen potato tots in an even layer on top of cheese and vegetables.
- 6. Place baking dish in the oven and cook for 50-60 minutes, or until the cheese starts to bubble and the potato tots are slightly browned.