Stovetop Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti

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INGREDIENTS

- 1/2-pound thin spaghetti noodles
- 3 cups chopped, cooked chicken
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup finely minced onion
- 1/4 cup finely minced bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely minced celery
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced fine
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can original condensed cream of chicken soup (like Campbell's)
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chilies (like Rotel), undrained
- 1 cup chicken stock or broth, or more as needed
- 2 cups shredded cheese, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper, or to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- Bring a large pot of water to a boil, then generously salt. Break noodles into half or thirds, if desired, and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
- 2. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large skillet and sauté the onion, bell pepper and celery until softened about 4 minutes; add garlic and cook another minute.
- To the skillet, add the cream of chicken soup, diced tomatoes and chicken stock;stir in 1 cup of the cheese.

- 4. Add the chicken, salt, pepper and drained noodles and mix well. Add more broth if mixture is too dry. Taste to adjust seasonings as needed.
- Cover and cook over medium low until heated through and thickened, about 10 minutes, stirring several times.
- 6. Remove from heat, top with remaining cheese, cover until cheese is melted.

NOTES

I have used sharp cheddar or Fiesta blend cheese which contains Monterey Jack, cheddar, queso quesadilla, and asadero cheeses when making this dish. Velveeta cheese or a block of cream cheese along with 8 ounces cheddar cheese, cubed, may be substituted, although reserve some for the top. If you are boiling a fresh chicken to make this dish, reserve the broth to boil the pasta, and use in the dish. Use <u>my ready chicken recipe</u> for the best flavor! Add-ins ideas include one small jar of chopped pimentos, drained, or one small jar of mushrooms, drained and chopped.

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