ALI'S KITCHEN

Potato Casserole is a Flexible Creation

Delicious comfort food blends Parmesan and Gouda cheeses with herby flavor of dill

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We have a super quick, very tasty, deliciously cheesy comfort food for you this month—Dilled Potato Casserole.

While I wish it were a great makeahead dish, alas, it is not. I made the attempt not too long ago and found that, after a few hours of sitting in the fridge, my potato casserole had turned an unappetizing grey (I know, I know, how did I not realize that would happen?).

Luckily, this recipe is so simple and takes mere minutes to put together that its inability to be prepped ahead of time is not a deterrent.

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Ingredients: Dilled Potato Casserole

- 1 lb. bag of frozen, shredded hash brown potatoes (thawed)
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/4 cup chopped dill (Fresh or freeze-dried is best. You can use dried dill, but it will be less flavorful.)
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley (Again, fresh works best here, but feel free to use dried.)
- 1 cup shredded Gouda cheese
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. each of salt and black pepper (or to taste)
- Chopped green onion for garnish



Potato casseroles might just be some of the most flexible creations to ever come out of our kitchens.

My family enjoys the blend of Parmesan and Gouda cheeses with the herby flavor of dill, but feel free to use your favorite cheese combination in this recipe.

Consider adding a handful or two of chopped leftover ham to your casserole, serve with a side salad, and this becomes a fast yet filling weeknight meal to end a busy day.

Or serve the Dilled Potato Casserole as a side along with pork chops or baked chicken, and you have a fabulous meal to enjoy leisurely on a snowy Sunday afternoon.

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

Place the thawed hash brown potatoes into a large mixing bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients and carefully mix with a large spoon or spatula until everything is well combined.

Transfer the potato mixture to a 2-quart casserole dish and bake for 30-35 minutes or until heated through and the top begins to look lightly toasted brown. BCT

Enjoy!

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