

Ham 'N' Pasta Casserole

I love casseroles for their taste, ease of preparation and serving.

1/4 cup margarine

1/3 cup flour

1-3/4 cups milk

1 cup shredded American cheese

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

2 cups diced fully cooked ham

1-1/2 cups medium egg noodles, cooked and drained

1 cup green peas, canned or frozen

1/4 cup dry bread crumbs

1 Tablespoon margarine, melted

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a saucepan, melt margarine, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in cheese, salt and pepper until cheese is melted. Add ham, noodles and peas. Pour into greased 1-quart casserole dish. Combine breadcrumbs with 1 Tablespoon melted margarine; sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 6.