

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

Barbecue Chicken Pizza

1 pizza crust
6 oz. boneless skinless chicken breasts
2 tsp olive oil
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1/2 medium red onion - thinly sliced
1/2 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
1 tsp cilantro leaves

Prepare pizza crust. Preheat oven to 500°. Slice chicken into 1/4-in. thick strips. Bring 4 cups water to a boil in a large saucepan over high heat. Stir in chicken; cover and remove from heat. Let stand 3 to 4 min. or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Drain; set aside. Brush oil evenly over prepared crust. Spread barbecue sauce over crust leaving 1-in. border. Arrange onions over sauce. Top with chicken, bell peppers and cheese. Bake 10 min. or until crust is dark golden brown. Sprinkle with cilantro and cut into wedges.

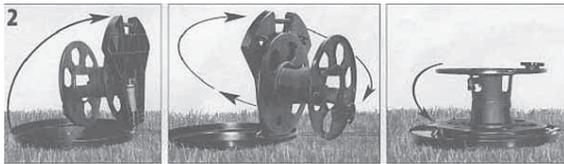
Cleaning Uses For Vodka

To clean the caulking around the bathtubs and showers, fill a trigger-spray bottle with vodka, spray the caulking, let set 5 min. and wash clean. The alcohol in the vodka kills mold and mildew. Spray vodka on vomit stains, scrub with a brush, then blot dry. Prolong the life of razors by filling a cup with vodka and letting your safety razor blade soak in the alcohol after shaving. The vodka disinfects the blade and prevents rusting. *Joyann Holsten, Wilton, N. Dak.*

Drop Biscuits

1 cup milk
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 cup self-rising flour
Preheat oven to 400°, spray a round layer cake pan with non-stick spray. Combine milk, and mayonnaise so that no lumps remain. Stir in flour with a fork, just until blended. Drop by spoonfuls into prepared pan with biscuits touching. Bake about 20 min. until browned. Makes 12 biscuits.

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Lift reel out of well (left) to 90°. Rotate reel around (center) so reel faces away from well. Then lower frame down so it sets firmly on top of well.

Store Garden Hose Underground

If you're looking for a way to hide your water hose yet keep it close to an outside faucet, you might like this new way to store a hose reel underground.

It's a 10 1/2-in. deep by 18-in. dia. plastic cylinder that goes in the ground. It has a fold-out reel that'll hold up to 75 ft. of hose.

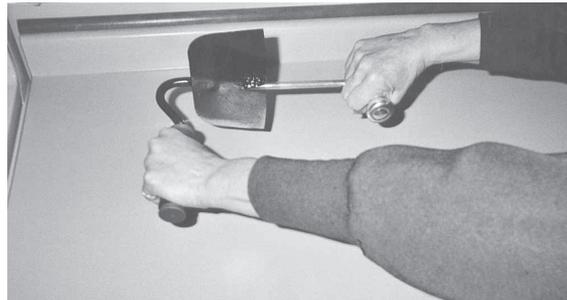
Steve Kowalke, inventor, recommends putting 2 to 3 in. of gravel at the bottom so the hose can drain through holes in the bottom of the container. The lid extends just above ground level.

"It's nice having the hose so close to the outside faucet and keeping it out of sight." Comes in stone, brown or green. Sells for \$59.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hosewell, Steve Kowalke, 603 6th St., Baraboo, Wis. 53913 (ph 608 963-7965; kowalk@charter.net; www.hosewell.com).



Cylinder lid extends just above ground level.



Two-handed edger uses garden hoe blade to cut.

"Poor Man's" Sidewalk Edger

"My homemade sidewalk edger is really simple. That's probably why it works so well and is so fast," says Jerry Doffing, Frederic, Wis.

The two-handed edger consists of the working end of a garden-type hoe, a bicycle-type handlebar grip, and a long bolt with the head cut off that's welded to the middle part of the hoe blade. The other end of the bolt threads into a nut that's embedded into an aluminum handle with finger grooves in it.

To use the edger, Doffing slips the blade in next to the sidewalk and then uses both hands to pull the blade toward him, cutting through any grass growing over the walk.

"I use it on the sidewalk that leads from my house to the garage. It makes a nice, smooth cut that really looks good," says Doffing. "I sharpened both sides of the blade so it really cuts good. Once I start pulling on the blade, it slices through the grass like a hot knife goes through butter. I wear gloves in case I accidentally scrape my hand against the sidewalk."

"You can use any type of handle you want on the edger. I just used what I had on hand."

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Vibrating Toothbrush Holder

If you like those fancy automatic toothbrushes but hate buying the expensive brush heads, you might need a "Shake-A-Brush Toothbrush Vibrator".

The holder is about the size of a small stapler and weighs about 4 oz. Any regular toothbrush fits in it so that the entire family can use one holder.

Powered by two AA batteries (included), it simply vibrates the toothbrush up and down like more expensive automatic ones.

It'll be on the market in June at Walgreens and other department stores.

Sells for \$19.95.

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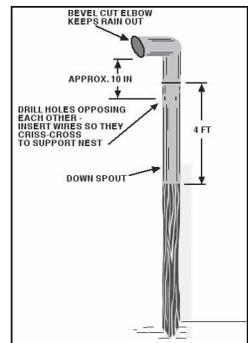
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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

"Tractor Muffler" Bluebird House

After trying unsuccessfully to attract bluebirds to his farm, Philip Berglund, Dayton, Iowa, got the idea to build his own out of ordinary metal rain downspouts. And it worked.

"For years I tried using different kinds of commercial bluebird nesting boxes, but I could never keep the sparrows out of them," says Berglund. "Then one day when I started up my diesel tractor a bluebird nest blew right up out of the exhaust pipe, which is curved 90 degrees at the top. I had just reroofed one of my buildings and had removed the building's 3 1/2-in. dia. galvanized metal downspouts because they were no longer needed. I decided to convert them into bluebird nests that mimic the exhaust muffler."



Bluebird house is built out of metal downspouts.

He started with a galvanized metal elbow which he cut at an angle at one end to keep rain out. He compression fitted the other end of the elbow to a 4-ft. length of galvanized metal downspout pipe. About 10 in. down from the elbow he drilled four small opposing holes in the pipe. He inserted two wires all the way through so they crossed to make a support for the nest. Then he screwed the bottom end of the pipe onto a post.

"It's a simple idea but it works, and sparrows won't go into them. They take only about 15 minutes to make," says Berglund. "I came up with the idea last year and have set up two so far. After making the first one, I walked several hundred yards away, and by the time I sat down in a lawn chair a bluebird had already found it."

"Since the downspout is made from metal, cats can't climb up it. However, the nest should be mounted high enough to keep cats from jumping up onto the elbow. I think sparrows don't like going down into the elbow. I set the nest wires 10 in. deep, but it would probably be easier for the baby birds to climb out if the nest was just a few inches deep."

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Mini Incubator

"We've sold a lot of them to schools," says Dan Chagnon, a representative of Brinsea Products, Inc. The company sells a mini incubator that lets you easily hatch your own eggs.

The digital unit is easy to use. Just select one of four settings - chicken, duck, pheasant or quail - and the machine selects the proper temperature, turning and length of incubation. All you have to do is fill it with water as needed. Chagnon says the fifth setting called "mystery bird" lets an experienced operator manually program it.

The incubator automatically stops turning two days before hatching and the display shows you when the eggs are due to hatch.

It holds 3 chicken eggs and up to 7 smaller quail eggs in a small tray insert. The Brinsea website lists companies that sell fertilized eggs.

Sells for \$149 (not including eggs) plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Brinsea Products Inc., 704 N. Dixie Ave., Titusville, Fla. 32796 (ph 888 667-7009 or 321 267-7009; fax 321 267-6090; sales@brinsea.com).



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