Reader Recipes

Broccoli Cornbread

8.5 oz. box Jiffy corn muffin mix1/2 cup butter, melted2 eggs6 oz. small curd cottage cheese

5 oz. frozen broccoli florets, thawed and chopped

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well. Transfer to a greased 8 by 8-in. baking pan. Bake for 40 min., or until golden.

Golden Maple Corn

4 eggs 1/2 cup maple syrup 1/4 lb. butter (1 stick) 2 10-oz. packages frozen corn

Beat eggs until foamy. Add syrup. Melt and add butter. Beat well. Pour mixture over frozen corn in buttered 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Bake uncovered at 325° for 1 hr. Stir once partway through baking.

Ginger Ale Bread

3 cups self-rising flour 2 tbsp sugar 1 1/2 cups ginger ale Combine and mix well. Pour into a greased loaf pan. Bake at 375° for 45 min. or until done.

5 Minute Mug Cake

4 tbsp flour 4 tbsp sugar 1/4 tsp baking powder 3 tbsp oil 2 tbsp cocoa 1 egg 3 tbsp milk Splash of vanilla Sprinkle of salt Mix dry ingredients together and pour into large coffee mug. Add egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in milk and oil, then mix well. Cook in microwave for 3 min

Jello Cookies

4 cups sifted flour 1 tsp baking powder 1 1/2 cups butter or margarine 1 cup sugar 1 3-oz. package Jello (any flavor) 1 egg

1 tsp vanilla

Mix all together thoroughly and put in cookie press. Bake at 400° for 12 to 14 min.



Stainless steel Mega-Canner fits over 2 stove burners and can hold eight 1/2-gal. jars, 15 quart jars or 27 pint jars at a time.

Mega-Canner Speeds Up Food Preservation

This Amish-built "mega-canner" from Lehman's hardware was built with big families and big gardens in mind. The stainless steel, leakproof canner holds 8 half-gallon jars, 15 quart jars or 27 pint jars at a time.

"Amish families have large gardens, and one of them created this durable steel canner," says Glenda Ervin, daughter of the founder of Lehman's. "We serve the Amish communities, and a lot of our suppliers are Amish. This canner is locally made and handcrafted here in Ohio."

Ervin says some satisfied customers have used the big canner for more than 20 years. The 13-lb., 20 3/4 by 11 3/4-in. canner fits over 2 burners of a standard stovetop. It works with any type of stove from electric to wood or even gas hotplates, with the exception of induction burners.

With its simple box design and no drains or valves to wear down, it simply lasts and lasts. The canner has an extra strong top edge wrapped around a 1/4-in. bar of solid stainless steel. Wooden handgrips make it easy to handle.

Lehman's Amish-made canner is priced at \$199.99. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lehman's, P.O. Box 270, Kidron, Ohio 44636 (ph 330 828-8828; toll free 800 438-5346; info@Lehmans. com; www.lehmans.com).



Heavy-duty Elmridge walnut cracker makes quick work of tougher nuts.

Walnut Cracker Has "Power To Spare"

The black walnut is a tough nut to crack - unless you have a heavy duty Elmridge nut cracker. The compact unit has cracking power to spare, and even children or elderly people can use it to crack walnuts with ease.

The nut cracker works by just pushing down on a handle. There's room to wrap your free hand around the nut as it's being cracked in order to keep bits of shell from flying around.

Sells for \$109 plus \$15 S&H.

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Paint Additive Creates Authentic Antique Finish

"This business actually got started because I wanted to re-do my kitchen cabinets, and someone said: 'Why don't you use a chalk paint?' The only chalk paint I could find cost \$40 a quart, so I decided to make my own," says Julie Howard Crozier, founder of Chalk-tique. She started the business in Littleton, Colo. in 2014.

Chalk-tique is a natural, non-toxic powder additive that turns any waterbased paint into a more durable chalk-style paint. It can be easily distressed to give furniture, cabinets, walls and other surfaces a chalky, antique look.

To make the product, a specific amount of Chalk-tique additive and water are placed in an empty can, then paint is added. Paint color isn't changed by the additive. Most surfaces don't require sanding prior to applying paint, Crozier says. Following the first coat, the surface can be lightly sanded to achieve the distressed finish a person wants. A how-to video on the website shows, step-by-step, how to mix and apply Chalk-tique.

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Bib Overall "Catchall"

"My dad had some bib overalls that he no longer used, so I cut the top portion off and made a small pouch for his papers and tools. He hangs it on his farm equipment," says Theresa Kennedy, Chino Valley, Ariz. "It makes a dandy catch-all for gloves, pencils, notebooks, phones, and any other items that he might need to keep handy."

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Cut-down bib overall makes a handy pouch for papers and tools.



Portable hair dryer forces air through pvc pipes sticking out of wooden box.

Boot, Glove Dryer Powered By Hair Dryer

A portable hair dryer, scrap plywood and some pvc pipes can be used to make a low-cost boot and glove dryer, says Steve Brubaker, Oconto, Wis.

"I looked at boot dryers on the market, but decided I could make my own for less money," he says. "It was simple to build and works great. The boot dryers I found on the market can't hold more than a couple pairs of boots and gloves at a time. Mine can dry several pairs and cost very little to build."

The hair dryer fits into a 2-in. pvc coupler at the top of the box and forces air inside a 3-ft. tall, 18 by 6-in. wooden box with pvc pipes sticking out of it on 3 sides. Each pipe is capped at the top. To dry his boots, Brubaker pulls the caps off and places the boots upside down over the pipes and then turns on the hair dryer. A timer controls how long the hair dryer runs.

"It blows hot air out of any pipe that's open," says Brubaker. "The hair dryer I use has different heat and blower speed settings. I use 1-in. dia. pipes to hold boots and 3/4-in. pipes to hold gloves or smaller boots. I've found it's best to use pipes that are at least 12 in. long for boots."

To mount the pipes Brubaker drilled holes in the sides of the box and then screwed the pipes in place. "I applied caulk around the pipes to keep air from escaping. I keep a small plastic tub on top of the box to hold caps I've removed," he notes.

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