

Reader Recipes

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Pumpkin Butter

(Tastes like pumpkin pie.)

6 lbs. pumpkin
2 tbs cinnamon
5 lbs. light brown sugar
5 lemons
2 tbs ground ginger
1 tsp allspice
1 pint water

Peel pumpkin, chop fine. Add spices and sugar together with lemon juice. Put through food chopper. Let this mixture (pumpkin, rind, sugar and juice) stand overnight.

In the morning add one pint water. Boil gently until clear, soft and thick. Pack into hot jars and seal. Process for 5 min. *Indiana Farmer's Guide Cookbook*

Economy Bread

(Old standby for 25 years and still a favorite.)

5 cups lukewarm water
1 cup milk
1 tsp yeast
3 tbs margarine
3 tbs salt
4 tbs sugar
12 cups any flour
Beat all ingredients together the night before, except half the flour.

Let stand in a cool place overnight. In the morning add approximately 6 cups of any flour. I knead at least 200 times. Place in greased pans, let rise at room temperature until doubled (covered) in size. Bake at 375° for 50 min. *Mette Bieger, St. Philip's, New Foundland*

Pepper Jelly

1 3/4 cups green peppers. Take out seeds.

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JetBlade is a portable device that converts any canoe into a paddle boat that can be powered by either your hands or feet.

Convert Your Canoe Into A Paddle Boat

If you think canoeing is fun but wish there was an easier way to paddle, you'll be interested in the new JetBlade - a portable device that clamps onto any canoe and quickly converts it into a paddle boat that can be powered by either your hands or feet.

The JetBlade uses four paddle blades on each side of the canoe to propel it forward. The blades are connected by a driveshaft to both foot pedals as well as to a hand crank. The unit folds up into a small carrying bag.

The paddling device can be set up at either end of the canoe, or at both ends. To pedal with your feet, you need a backrest of some kind. When turning the paddles with your hands, you sit on the floor of the canoe. If you use two JetBlades in a single canoe, one person should use their feet and the other use their hands.

If you're alone, you steer the canoe by leaning your weight slightly in the opposite direction to the one you want to turn in your canoe. That causes the paddles on one side of the canoe to dig deeper into the water. Steering can also be accomplished by dipping a conventional paddle into the water to act as a rudder.

The company says it will soon offer a portable canoe rudder.

Sells for \$399 (U.S.) including S&H. A canoe backrest sells for \$79.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Canect Outdoors, 10 Harvard Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6R 1C6 (ph 866 538-4445 or 416 538-9399; Website: www.canectoutdoors.com).

Big Pen Keeps Cats Happy, Birds Alive

To protect the local bird population yet still keep a happy cat, a California manufacturer came up with this new outdoor enclosure.

It gives cats a 6 by 6 by 6-ft. play area. Made of redwood covered by 2 by 3-in. galvanized wire, it's designed to mount against the house or barn. Three adjustable shelves are included. The size of the enclosure can be expanded by adding extra panels. Three panels are needed for each 2 ft. of length or for a fourth side.

Sells for \$299.99 plus S&H.

Additional panels sell for \$24.99 plus S&H. Additional shelves sell for \$16.99 plus S&H. A screen cat door can be added, which can be placed in a window for free access to the enclosure. Sells for \$27.99 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, C&D Pet Products, 405 East D Street, Petaluma, Calif. 94952 (ph 888 554-7387 or 707 763-1654; fax 707 763-9205; E-mail: scott@cdpets.com; Website: cdpets.com).

Galvanized wire enclosure gives cats a 6 by 6 by 6-ft. play area. It's designed to mount against a house or barn.



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Steering on the Tig 'R Tail is controlled by a pair of levers connected by metal rods to tie rods on back.

"Rear Wheel Steer" Tricycle Turns Fast Without Tipping

Here's the first rear wheel steer "tricycle" we've ever seen. It makes it easier for hard-driving kids to keep their balance while making fast turns.

The Tig 'R Tail trike measures 40 in. long, 27 in. wide, and 23 1/2 in. high. It weighs 47 lbs. and is recommended for ages 6 to 12. It rides on a big 14-in. stationary front wheel and a pair of 8-in. high rear wheels. Pedals attach to the hub on the front wheel. Steering is controlled by a pair of levers connected by metal rods to tie rods on back. When you push forward on one lever to turn, the other lever automatically moves back.

"Kids can go much faster than on a conventional tricycle, but it's much safer to use," says inventor Lee Shafer. "It's called the Tig 'r Tail because when you turn back and forth, the rear wheels swing around like a tiger's tail. It has a low center of gravity so it won't tip over easily. However, if you do tip it over there are no handlebars that can stab you in the ribs or stomach. Another advantage is that when you turn, your legs always stay in the same position - you don't have to 'shorten up' one leg like you do on a conventional tricycle. As a result, kids can ride for a long time without getting tired."

The trike has a weight limit of 110 lbs. By loosening a pair of bolts, you can slide the seat forward or back to accommodate different size kids.

"We also make a bigger model for adults that's designed for kids from 6 to 100 years old," says Shafer. "When some moms buy their kid a trike, they buy a big one so they can ride with their kids and get some exercise."

The Tig 'r Tail is available in red, green, or blue.

The small model sells for \$179 plus S&H; the big model for \$219.

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