

Reader Recipes

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Paper Bag Fried Chicken

2 to 3 lb. fryer chicken cut up
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon dried parsley
1/2 stick butter
Oil for frying
Paper bag (grocery size)

Wash chicken pieces. Pat dry with paper towel. Place flour, salt, pepper, onion, garlic powder and parsley into paper bag. Shake until well blended. Then add chicken pieces. In a large 4-quart Dutch oven, melt butter. Add 2 in. of vegetable oil. Heat oil and butter mixture over medium heat. Test oil: Add a tiny piece of chicken; if it starts to sizzle right away the oil is ready. Then add pieces of chicken. Fry chicken until thoroughly done. Chicken should be golden brown.

From *"Seat of the Pants Country Cooking,"* a new cookbook by Kallie Shaw (ph 570 549-2467; www.seatofthepantscountrycooking.com)



Japanese Fruit Pie

1 cup sugar
1 stick margarine
1/2 cup coconut
Pinch salt
2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup pecans
1 teaspoon vinegar
Mix and pour into deep pie shell. Bake 30 to 45 min. at 325°.

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Cornflake Candy

6 cups corn flakes
1 cup peanuts
1 cup coconut

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"Flowery" Tools Keep Husbands At Bay

A common complaint by many wives seems to be that their household tools somehow always seem to end up in their husband's shop or truck.

That's what led to the development of new floral print tools with a distinctly feminine touch. The idea is that most men would not want to be seen with a flowery hammer or screwdriver in their toolbox so they'll leave them alone.

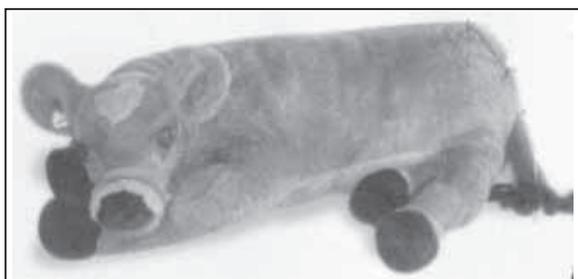
A 110-piece set from Wholesale Tool comes in a molded tray that can be stored in a standard kitchen drawer, according to Richard Karwowitz, company representative.

The set includes: an 8-in. stainless steel scissors, 12-oz. claw hammer, 6-in. slip joint pliers, 6-in. long nose pliers, retractable utility knife, 12-ft. by 1/2-in. tape measure, magnetic screwdriver, 12 screwdriver bits (flat, Philips and star), 5 precision screw drivers, and 86 assorted fasteners. It sells for \$23.95 plus S&H.

Also, a 6-in-1 floral hammer/screwdriver combo sells for \$7.99 (plus shipping when ordered online). It has four slotted blade screwdrivers of various sizes stored inside the hammer handle.

If you just want a screwdriver or a hammer, True Value Hardware stores also sells floral print tools.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Wholesale Tool Sales Dept., P.O. Box 68, Warren, Mich. 48089 (ph 800 521-3420; website: <http://wtool.com>) or Truserve Corporation, 8600 W Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60631-3505 (ph 773 695-5561; website: www.truevalue.com).



Life-sized plush stuffed "Cowch" is filled with polyester fiberfill.

Cow-Sized "Cowch"

Rescuing six orphan calves and spending months keeping them alive made a New Jersey woman realize how cuddly and fun they can be, leading her to create the "Cowch," a life-size stuffed cow that doubles as a couch to sit on.

To create the first Cowch, Helga Tacreiter of Shiloh, N.J., literally sewed fabric together right on her cow "Harvey" who stood patiently as she put fake fur all over him.

The Cowches are filled with polyester fiberfill. "When I put the eyes in, they come to life," she says, explaining that glass taxidermy eyes make them appear realistic. After adding the eyes, the cow seems to "watch you."

Tacreiter handmakes each Cowch, which sell for \$300 to \$800 and come in three sizes: newborn, yearling and full grown.

She creates Holsteins, Herefords, Charolais, Black Angus and Scottish Highland. "Those are the cows I have here," Tacreiter says.

She also does custom Cowches based on photos. She won't provide a quote until she sees the photograph. "It depends on how complicated it is," she says, noting that shipping on Cowches range from \$25 to more than \$100, depending on the size.

A lot of cow collectors buy them. Others are sold to museums where children literally wear them out.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Diapers Let Pet Birds Fly Free

"To boldly go where no bird has gone before." That's a slogan used by Mark and Lorraine Moore of Stafford, Va., an ex-military couple who launched a thriving business selling a very unusual product: diapers for birds.

They came up with the idea as a way to let their pet birds fly free without dirtying up the home. They teamed up with a fabric designer and came up with a patented diaper, or "flight suit," that birds don't seem to mind wearing. After five years of part time diaper-making, they now both work full time on the business.

The diapers are made of Lycra and look like little bathing suits. Velcro holds the suit in place. They can be worn up to six hours and are reusable. The suits are hand cleaned by turning them inside out, rinsing them with soapy water and hanging them out to dry, Lorraine says.

Throw-away flight liners of 100 percent cotton can be inserted to extend the holding capacity of the diapers. "They work super good if you're going to be on the road," she says. They sell their products online, at pet stores, and through distributors. Thanks to the internet, they've sold to people all over the world including Greece and Israel.

"We make the only bird diapers in the free world," Mark says.

Cost ranges from \$19.99 to \$25.99 depending on bird size. "They're a bargain because they're reusable for years and years," Mark says. Aside from the diapers, the Moores also sell sweaters and costumes for birds.

A friend sells diapers for ducks and chickens as well. They consist of a harness that holds a Pampers or Huggies.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Avian Fashions, Suite 2-347, 44 Mine Road, Stafford, Va. 22554 (ph 888 412-7667; website: www.birddiaper.com).



Diapers allow pet birds to fly free without dirtying up your home.

"Chilly Pad" Cooling Towel

Want to stay cool this summer? Then check out the "Chilly Pad." It's designed to be worn around your neck or draped over your head and cools through evaporation.

The Chilly pad measures 33 by 13 in. and is made from a hyper-evaporative material that, when wet, stays about 25 degrees cooler than the outside air, while remaining dry to the touch. Simply wet the fabric, wring out excess water and in less than 5 minutes, the towel will be up to 25 degrees cooler than the outside air temperature.

When the towel dries and loses its effectiveness (between 1 and 4 hours depending on conditions), simply re-wet it and you're ready to go again.

Works with any temperature water and is machine washable.

Comes in blue. Sells for about \$19.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bob Bartels (ph 334 332-0025; email: bartels@charter.net; website: www.froggtoggs.com).



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