

## Reader Recipes

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### Corn Cob Jelly

12 red cobs of field corn without kernels. (Red cobs make more attractive jelly than white cobs.)

Enough water to cover the cobs  
1 pkg. powdered pectin  
4 cups sugar

Boil the cobs in water for 20 min. Strain three cups of this liquid into a large pan. Stir in the pectin, bring to a boil, and add the sugar. Boil one minute. Seal in hot jars.

*Countryside Magazine*

### Snickers Salad

1 bag fun size Snickers bars, chopped.  
4 large Granny Smith apples, cored and chopped (not peeled).  
12 oz. Cool Whip  
8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1 small jar marshmallow creme.

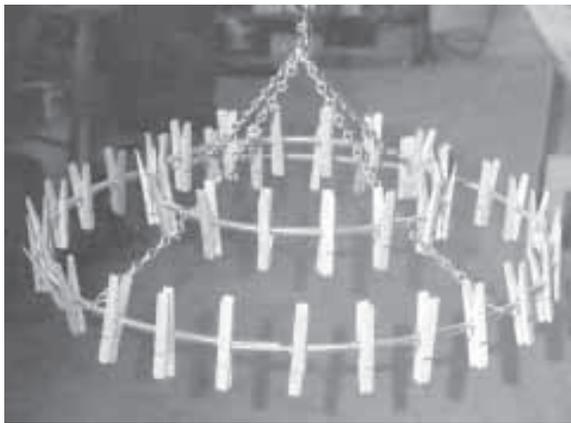
Mix together Cool Whip, marshmallow creme, and cream cheese. Combine with Snickers pieces and apples. Mix well and serve.  
*Jeri Flanagan*

### Individual Potato Puddings

12 medium potatoes  
2 onions - grated  
4 eggs - well beaten  
1 cup flour  
1 tbsp salt  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp pepper  
8 tbsp chicken fat or butter - melted.

Peel and grate potatoes. Allow to drain. Discard liquid. Add onions and eggs to potatoes. Mix together flour, salt, baking powder, and pepper and add to potatoes. Add chicken fat or butter. Spoon into greased medium-sized muffin tins. Fill to top. Bake at 375 for

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Clothes dryer ring is designed to hang from ceiling. It consists of a pair of metal rings with wooden clothes pins on them, spaced about 3 in. apart.

## Hanging Clothes Dryer Ring

"It lets you dry a lot of smaller pieces of clothing in a much smaller space," says Freeman Mast, Bloomfield, Iowa, about the clothes dryer ring made by his sister Edna.

It consists of a pair of metal rings that have wooden clothes pins mounted permanently on them, spaced about 3 in. apart. The lower ring is 22 in. in diameter and the upper ring 12 in. The unit is designed to hang from a hook on the ceiling. A series of chains runs from one ring to the other and up to a snap hook in the middle of the top ring. The unit collapses flat for storage.

"It makes a nice gift for busy mothers," says Freeman. "Works great for hanging socks, underwear, and so on. By using every other clothes pin you can also hang pants and shirts."

"Edna, who is partially handicapped, assembles the units with the help of her nephews, and I help out with shipping and also order the supplies. We sell a lot of these units to Amish people, who don't use electric clothes dryers."

Sells for \$20.50 including S&H.

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Still uses a glass-covered evaporation table to make pure drinking water.

## Solar Distiller Produces Pure Drinking Water

Following nature's example, a Texas company has put together a solar water distiller that can provide an average household with all the pure drinking water it needs.

SolAqua, the manufacturer, says it has been selling the solar distiller all over the world. It can even make drinking water from salt water.

The distiller has no moving parts and has a carbon filter to prevent any contamination of the final output. The still consists of a glass-covered evaporation table, a supply fill port, an overflow port and a distilled output collection port.

Water is poured in through the fill port once a day. It can be done manually or you can plumb it into your water lines.

Purified water collects in a separate chamber and runs out the distilled output collection port. If the still is mounted on a roof or in another area that's not easily accessible, the distilled water can be piped to a collection container that is easy to get to.

Because there are no moving parts, maintaining the still is simple. Flushing the evaporation basin as described above is all that's necessary.

Because it uses natural evaporation rather than boiling, solar stills produce pure water that is free of off-tastes from minerals or the flat taste that boiling can leave in distilled water. The solar distiller, called the Rainmaker 550, sells for \$450. If you'd rather build your own solar still, the company offers a do-it-yourself kit, which includes plans and tubing, screens and some plumbing parts for \$235.

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One-row garden tiller shears off weeds 1/2 to 2 in. below soil surface.

## "Wheel Hoe" Garden Tiller

This 1-row "wheelhoe" garden tiller covers a lot of ground in a short time, says the manufacturer.

The Valley Oak Wheel Hoe was developed by an organic vegetable farmer for garden use. The tiller - an 8-in. wide tempered spring steel blade attached to a U-shaped metal frame - is positioned behind a large rubber wheel. The blade shears off weeds 1/2 to 2 in. below the soil surface.

It's ideal for cultivating close to the plant row, says the company. Depth of cut is easy to maintain because of the angle and location of the blade.

Blades are available in 5, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18-in. widths. Accessories include a furrower attachment that makes a 4 to 6-in. furrow for planting potatoes or for irrigating; and a 4-tine cultivator that breaks the crust, loosens and aerates the soil.

A wheel hoe with an 8-in. blade sells for \$230; with a steel wheel, \$240. An optional quick changer sells for \$20. The furrow attachment sells for \$40 and the cultivator attachment for \$60.

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## Barrel Idea Helps Water Garden

Here's a simple way to gather rain water and then get it onto your garden plants, which we spotted in Organic Gardening magazine.

Get the biggest plastic garbage can you can find. Cut a hole in the lid big enough to accommodate a downspout, cover the barrel with nylon mesh to keep out leaves, and put the lid back on.

To get water out, install an outdoor faucet near the bottom of the can using rubber washers and silicone to seal it. You want the faucet up a bit from the bottom so any sediment will settle below it.



A variety of blade sizes are available.



Plastic garbage can gathers rain and dispenses it through bottom faucet.