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State-Of-The-Art Knife Sharpener

"It sharpens the blade at exactly the same angle on both sides and works faster than sharpening with a conventional stone. Also, it removes only a fraction as much metal as conventional grinding," says Ben Dale about his new knife sharpener.

The Edge Pro "Apex" consists of an injection-molded nylon frame that's held down by a pair of suction cups. (It can also be bolted down). A stainless steel plate supports the knife, while a pivot block on back is used to adjust the blade angle. The sharpening stone mounts on a rod that goes through the pivot block, which has marks on it that indicate blade angle. The angle is adjusted by loosening a knob and sliding the pivot block up or down.

To sharpen the blade, you use one hand to hold the knife handle and the other hand to run the stone back and forth along the rod, starting at the heel of the knife and working toward the tip. Once one side of the blade has been sharpened you flip the blade over and repeat the process.

The unit will sharpen any size or shape blade up to 3 1/2 in. wide, including serrated knives. Blade angle can be set infinitely, with indicator marks at 10, 15, 18, 21, and 24 degrees.

"Our sharpener lets you resharpen blades at exactly the same angle that was used the last time, which makes resharpening very fast and removes the least amount of metal possible. If you're sharpening the blade for the first time and don't know the angle but want to match it, you can do that, too."

Sells for \$125 plus S&H.

A professional version is also available.

Options include a scissor/chisel/plane blade attachment that will sharpen planer blades, flat chisels, and most gouges.

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Elevator Eliminates Stair Climbing

It's not cheap but if you or a family member cannot negotiate stairways, you might want to consider a home-size elevator.

The LEV elevator can be retrofitted to existing homes or installed in new construction. Price ranges from \$18,000 to \$20,000, depending on installation.

It features an accordion gate; two recessed lights; wood handrail; plywood floor; car operating panel and hall stations in brushed stainless steel or brass; a battery backup emergency light and alarm; stop switch; automatic car lighting; and digital floor position indicator.

The electric-operated elevator has a capacity of 950 lbs. and can travel up to 50 ft. It rides on two no. 60 roller chains and makes five stops.

Because it operates on a chain drive system with a counterbalanced weight system, it doesn't require a separate machine room for hydraulics or a winding drum mechanism. The drive system and controller are housed inside the top of the hoistway.

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LEV elevator can be retrofitted to existing homes or installed in new construction.



Foot-operated lever applies downward pressure to hold fish in place.

One-Handed Fish Cleaner

Following a farm accident in 1981 that cost him his right arm, George Reesor found there were very few tasks that he couldn't do with one hand. Cleaning fish seemed to be one of them. After giving the matter a lot of thought, he came up with a one-handed fish cleaner.

It's simply a 3-legged wooden bench with a piece of plywood for a work surface. An 18-in. length of 1 by 1 1/2-in. light metal tubing fastens to the end of the bench with a hinge, and a small plywood pad is bolted to one end of the tubing above the work surface. Two nails, spaced about 3/8 in. apart, protrude 1/4 in. through the plywood pad. A foot-operated lever, attached to the single leg directly below the hinge, is used to apply downward pressure on the pad to hold the fish in place. A piece of scrap wood at the other end of the tubing acts as a counterweight to hold the pad in the raised position.

"With this device, I'm now able to keep making use of the free protein that's swimming around in our farm pond," says Reesor.

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Flower Pot Clamps Onto Post

This new flower pot is made of two halves that clamp together around the base of your mailbox or any 4 by 4 post. There are 1 1/4-in. dia. holes in the sides for flowers to grow out of.

"It can be used on mailboxes, porches, patios, decks, or any other pole," says inventor Bill Taylor.

The Post Planter is made from weather resistant urethane and measures 17 in. high and 17 in. in diameter at the top and 9 in. diameter at the base, with a 4-in. sq. hollow in the middle where the two halves join. Each half attaches to the other with four transparent 1-in. plastic clips at the top and a clear 30-in. cable strap at the bottom. Each half can be used separately by drilling holes in the back side and screwing the half onto a deck rail, siding, etc.

"Each half weighs only 1 lb. so they're easy to set up and move," says Taylor. "If you want you can set the flower pot up high on a post and have vines cascading down it. Just screw a 2 by 4 to the post to serve as a base."

Available in terra cotta and sandstone colors.

Sells for \$59.95 plus S&H.

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Flower pot is made of two halves that clamp together around the base of mailbox or any 4 by 4 post.



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Reader Recipes

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directly into the water or into the fabric softener dispenser.

- Rub Pine-Sol or Mr. Clean on the grease spot and wash as usual. You can also use 3/4 cup of either along with your laundry detergent.

- Rub Dawn or Palmolive dish soap on the grease spot and wash as usual.

- Include a 1/2 cup to 1 cup baking soda with your normal detergent.

- For set-in stains, spray WD-40 on the stain, and let it sit for 30 min. Then wash the garment as if it had a fresh grease stain.

- Spray a generous amount of hairspray on the stain, and wash as usual.

Custom Harvesting

Carrot Pudding

2 cups flour
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 tsp baking soda
2 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp cloves
1/4 tsp salt
2 cups dry breadcrumbs
1 cup melted butter
2 cups grated, peeled carrots
2 cups grated, peeled apples
2 cups grated, peeled potatoes
1 cup raisins
1 cup walnuts

Combine first nine ingredients and stir in melted butter. Then add rest of ingredients. Spoon into greased coffee tin. Cover with aluminum foil held on with an elastic band. Steam in 1 1/2-in. deep water for 3 1/2 hours. Cool covered for 30 min., then take out of mold and put on cooking rack.

Can be frozen and doesn't need to be ripened.
Debbie Chikousky in Grainews

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