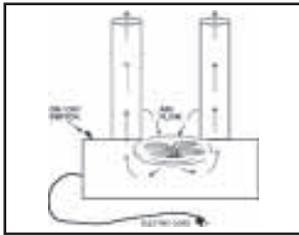


New Products For Women And The Farm Or Ranch Home



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“Do-It-Yourself” Boot Dryer

After coming home during the winter with wet boots, and during the summer with sweaty feet in his boots, David Meyer decided he needed a boot dryer. So he made his own out of scrap plywood and the fan from an old computer.

“I looked at boot dryers on the market, but decided I could make my own for less money,” says Meyer.

The boot dryer consists of a small wooden box with the fan in the middle on top. The fan hooks up to an electric cord that’s plugged in. It draws air into the box and forces it up through a pair of 1 1/2-in. dia. PVC pipes mounted onto each end of the box. To dry his boots, Meyer simply places them upside down on the pipes and then plugs in the fan.

“No more wet or damp boots whenever I go back to put them on - and no more unpleasant smells,” says Meyer. “I’ve used my homemade boot dryer for about eight years now and needless to say, it makes my wife happy, too.”

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Inclined mattress is 6 in. thicker at one end (at left in photo).

Sloped Mattresses Help With Medical Ailments

Barbie Torrez went through something most parents have nightmares about. Her 16-day old son choked on his vomit from a condition called Gastroesophageal Reflux. “For the next year of his life, he had to sleep in his car seat,” she says.

When another child was diagnosed with the same condition, she grew tired of rigging up slanted mattresses with books, bricks and towels. That’s when she got the idea of making a 30-degree inclined mattress.

And since many adults also need to sleep on a slant, she started making them in a variety of sizes and firmness levels.

Normal pillows work with them and don’t slip. The 30-degree incline adds 6 in. to the top of the mattress. For example, a king size mattress is normally 9 in. thick. At the head, the inclined mattress is 15 in. thick and slopes down to the end of the bed where it’s 9 in. again. This could reduce severe illnesses, chronic pain and even sleepless nights, Torrez says.

For cribs, the incline is also 30 degrees but 9 in. at the head and 5 in. at the bottom.

The mattresses cost anywhere from \$80 for bassinets up to \$1,100 for king size beds, plus S&H.

She also offers a portable fold-up travel mat that fits on top of a normal mattress. They cost from \$149 for a twin to \$299 for a king size mat.

Torrez has specialty sheets in various thread counts and colors for the mattresses. They sell for \$26 to \$90.

She is currently creating comforters for them as well.

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Torrez makes sloped mattresses of almost any size, even for infants (left). Foldup travel mattress is also available (right).

Automatic Faucet

Ever come into the house with greasy hands and wished you had one of those automatic faucets found in shopping mall and airport restrooms? Well, now you can with the new EZ Faucet.

The faucet has a computer chip that senses motion, automatically turning the water on and off. What’s more, Michael Shek, marketing manager of iTouchless Housewares & Products, says it conserves up to 70 percent of water as compared to a conventional faucet.

“Simply put your hands (or whatever you are washing, filling or getting wet) under the faucet and water comes on automatically. It will then stay on until you move your hands away from the faucet,” says Shek.

As a safety precaution, if an object under the faucet doesn’t move for a minute, the faucet shuts off and “locks” until the object is removed.

Installation takes about 5 min. “Just screw the aerator off the existing faucet and screw on the EZ Faucet. It fits both outside and inside threads of faucets,” says Shek. It fits standard bathroom, kitchen, garage, and utility room sinks.

Once installed, you turn the regular faucet knobs on to establish water pressure and temperature, then leave them on. The EZ Faucet takes care of the rest.

The EZ Faucet costs \$69.95 plus about \$20 S&H.

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Elastic Band Holds Shorts In Place

This “elastic band pants holder” just may be the greatest invention since the advent of suspenders.

Chuck Marley having no hips, constantly was having a hard time keeping his shorts in place. His wife, Anita, intervened and suggested tacking in some elastic band. It worked. The 1-in. wide elastic band is tacked on in front and back and on both the left and right hips.

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Elastic band is tacked on inside waist band of loose-fitting shorts.



Odor-Killing Light Bulbs

A new dual purpose light bulb lights up a room as it also “cleans up” the room by purifying the air.

The bulbs are coated with Titanium Dioxide, a natural mineral found in certain rocks and sand that’s safe for humans. “It’s found in such products as food coloring so if you’ve had birthday cake, you’ve ingested it,” says David deMartino, CEO of O-ZoneLite, the manufacturer.

Bonded to a fluorescent screw-in bulb, a chemical reaction takes place when it is turned on that kill airborne pathogens including mold spores, viruses, fungus, staph infection and odor molecules (including pet and smoke).

While other air purification systems, such as Hepa filters and air ionizers, trap airborne pathogens, the company says this is the only method on the market that actually kills them.

The bulbs are also energy savers, using just 23 watts of energy to emit about 100 watts of light during their air-purifying 10,000 hour life.

To be effective, the bulbs need to be in an open fixture such as a floor or desk lamp. The company recommends one per 200 sq. ft.

He says part-time use is effective but the longer you leave the light on, the better it will work. For example, if you put one in your bedroom, turn it on as soon as you wake up and leave it on until you go to bed. “We recommend using it no less than 4 hrs. per day.”

O-ZoneLite bulbs sell for \$39.95 apiece plus S&H. The company has a 100 percent money-back guarantee.

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Coating on light bulb purifies air.

Reader Recipes

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Simple Hand Soap Recipe

5/8 cup cormeal
3/8 cup dry laundry detergent

Mix and put into a plastic container. Use only about 2 thimbles full when washing hands. Works in hot or ice cold water and cleans off grease and oil from hands.

W.E. Conroy,
McConnelsville, Ohio

Tasty Cole Slaw

Sack of shredded cabbage and carrots
1 can pineapple - cubed or chunked

Apple cider vinegar
Honey
Mayonaise

In a 10-oz. jar, put about 1/2 in. each of honey and vinegar. Then fill the rest with mayo, leaving enough room to shake it up. Pour over cabbage and pineapple. Stir well and let sit awhile.

Potato Chip Potatoes

6 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-in. cubes
3/4 cup crushed potato chips, divided

1/2 cup chopped onion
2 tsp butter or margarine, melted
3/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

In a bowl, combine the potatoes, 1/2 cup of potato chips, onion, butter, salt and pepper; toss to combine.

Transfer to a greased shallow 2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining potato chips. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 40 to 50 min., or until potatoes are tender. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Old Fashioned Red Barn Paint

1 gal. skim milk
12 oz. lime
8 oz. linseed oil

3 lbs. red iron oxide
4 oz. slacked lime, oil and turpentine

Early-day barns were painted red because commercial paints were expensive and farmers needed something they could put together in large amounts for a low price. The result was this standard red paint.
No-Till Farmer