

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

A-Maize-ing Cake

16 oz. creamed corn
1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup white sugar
3 eggs
1 cup oil
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 teaspoons baking powder

Cream sugar, oil and eggs. Add corn, raisins and nuts. Mix well. Blend together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Bake in two 8-in. oiled baking pans or one 9 by 13-in. oiled pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.

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Potato Cakes

6 med. potatoes
2 tbsp sugar
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 egg
1/2 tsp mace
1/2 cup milk or 1/4 cup butter

Boil, peel and mash potatoes. Add egg yolk, sugar, mace, nutmeg, milk or butter to potatoes and mix well. Melt butter or lard onto hot griddle. Spoon mixture onto hot, greased griddle and brown both sides. Lay cakes in serving dish. Pour melted butter mixed with a little sugar over the potato cakes.

Tomato Preserves

Add 1/2 lb. of white sugar to 1 lb. of little, yellow, pear-shaped tomatoes; put into preserving kettle, add water barely to cover. Do not use too much water as you can add water if needed. Slice lemons, allowing 1 lemon to every 2 lbs. of tomatoes. Cook until done and the syrup looks thick. These taste almost like preserved figs.

Bright Propane Lamps Provide Light Without Electricity

You don't need electricity to get 100-watt lighting. Any cabin or remote cottage can enjoy bright lights with propane-fueled lamps from Midstate Lamp Co.

"Our model 450 is the result of eight years of research," says Samuel Schrock, owner of Midstate. "Most commercial propane-fired lamps are not bright enough. I knew the secret to bright light from low pressure gas sources was to get just the right mix of gas and air."

After trying a wide variety of tubes and fittings and introducing two earlier models to the market place, Schrock now has a lamp that will produce light that rivals the 100-watt bulb. It uses the Venturi effect, which recognizes that gas or liquid increases speed as the opening of a tube it is traveling through increases in diameter.

"As the gas moves through our Venturi design, the increase in speed pulls the correct amount of air to create the optimum mix of air and gas," explains Schrock.

The two earlier models are marketed mostly to Amish farmers, but Schrock anticipates a wider market for the 450. He recently had it certified by the American National Standards Institute. It's priced at \$75 and is fueled with standard propane. With an adapter, it can be run off a 20-lb. or smaller propane bottle.

Schrock says the lamp's mantle will likely need replacing about once a month. Otherwise, the stainless steel, brass and aluminum fittings should not need maintenance.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Midstate Lamp Co., 169 E. CR 200N, Arthur, Ill. 61911 (ph 217 543-3065; toll free 866 450-5267).



No. 7 hex head sheet metal screws are screwed around edge of tennis shoe.

Tennis Shoe Studs For Walking On Ice

Greg Wind, Luck, Wis., recently sent us pictures of his "studded" tennis shoes that he says make winter walking a lot more fun.

He took an old set of tennis shoes and screwed no. 7 hex head sheet metal screws around the edge. That's all it takes to grab hold on ice. "I didn't put them in the center so the shoes still grip well on hard surfaces such as concrete and asphalt."

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Fly Vac Catches Hard-To-Swat Flies

Inventor Don Septer of Port Charlotte, Fla., is seeking a licensing agreement for manufacturing and distribution of his patented Fly Vac™.

He has a working prototype and says his sanitary, easy-to-use device stuns flies and then sucks them right out of the air.

Several mothballs are located inside the Fly Vac to create fumes, and a plastic tube just above the vacuum nozzle sprays the fly with these vapors.

"You just hold the Fly Vac nozzle six to eight inches away from the fly, and it very quickly becomes sluggish. Then you can place the vacuum nozzle up close and suck it up," Septer says.

The Fly Vac is designed with a funnel-shaped nozzle so that once the flies are in the canister, they're unable to escape. After two or three minutes, the strong moth ball vapor inside the device kills the captured flies.

Dead insects are held by a mesh basket that can be pulled out of the canister and emptied without any contact between the user and the flies, he says.

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Propane-fueled lamps produce light that rivals a 100-watt bulb.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Dog Feeder Is No Chew Toy

Tired of having the dogs at the local hunt club treat dog feeders like chew toys, Tom Harmon built one to last.

"This is the last dog feeder you'll ever need," says Harmon.

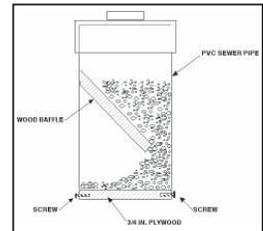
Knowing that hunting dogs can and will eat right through most plastic feeders, Harmon builds his with heavy-duty plastic sewer pipe. He starts with a length of 6 1/2-in. dia. pipe and cuts a hole in the side a few inches from one end. A 3/4-in. plywood disc, cut to fit is screwed to that bottom end.

"The size of the pipe you use and the hole size depends on how much feed you want it to hold and how big the dog's head is," says Harmon. "I use 18 to 24-in. pipe for ours and cut about a 6-in. hole. We feed our dogs twice a week, and a big coffee can full of food will hold them for three to four days."

The trickiest part of making the feeder, he says, is cutting a piece of wood to fit inside the pipe. It acts as a baffle to keep the dog food from spilling out of the feeder all at once. "Cutting the baffle is trial and error," says Harmon.

A much easier task was making tops for his feeders. He has access to a roller and welder and makes his tops out of stainless steel scraps. The cap needs to come off easily for feeding so you can't use a pvc cap. "You can make them out of anything that will fit over the pipe," says Harmon.

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Device Turns Recliners Into Lift Chairs

You can turn almost any recliner into a lift chair, thanks to a patented universal lift frame that attaches to the bottom of recliners.

The electronic seat lifting system is often covered by Medicare in the U.S.

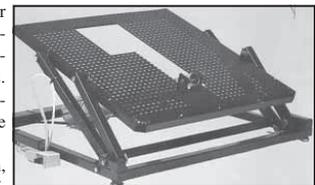
The Buzz Corp., at Plymouth, Penn., says its product is an affordable way to convert your favorite recliner into a lift chair, making it much easier for people with arthritis or other disabilities to continue using their favorite chair.

The fully assembled steel frame attaches to chair's base in minutes with 4 U-bolts. The hand control cord fastens just under the armrest. An electric motor provides the lift without interfering with the chair's existing features.

It works on standard recliners, rocker recliners and wall-saver recliners, but the company doesn't recommend using the Enhance-Sit on swivel recliners, unless the swivel is removed from the base of the recliner. The Enhance-Sit doesn't interfere with or damage the chair in any way, and will handle users weighing up to 350 lbs. Three models are available - ULF-1, which fits recliner bases up to 19 in. wide, and ULF-2, which fits recliner bases that are 20 or more in. wide, and the ULF-3.

The Enhance-Sit sells for \$299. It comes with a lifetime warranty on the steel frame and a 5-year warranty on the motor and switch. The unit is equipped with four leveler legs and an instruction manual is included. It uses 115-volt alternating current (AC) to power a 1/8 hp motor. An 8-ft. power cord is also included.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Enhance-Sit, The Buzz Corp., 526 West Main Street, Plymouth, Penn. 18651 (ph 888 217-1211; buzz17@verizon.net; www.enhansit.com).



Lift frame attaches to bottom of recliner.



Device stuns flies and then sucks them right out of the air.