

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.

Chocolate Sauerkraut Cake

1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
2/3 cup butter, margarine or vegetable shortening
3 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
1 cup cold water
1/2 cup sauerkraut, drained and chopped

Cream the sugar and shortening until thoroughly blended and smooth. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until fluffy. Measure the dry ingredients. Mix them together with a fork. Add to the creamed mixture along with the water, and beat to blend in completely. Stir the chopped sauerkraut into the batter. Pour batter into two greased and floured 9-in. round cake pans or a greased and floured 9 x 13-in. cake pan. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes for layer pans or for 35 to 40 minutes for a 9 x 13-in. pan. Frost with cream cheese frosting.

Bird Seed Bells

Egg carton
Pipe cleaners
1 egg
1 tbsp honey
Bird seed

Line egg compartments in egg carton with plastic wrap. Mix egg, honey and enough seeds to make a pliable mixture. Spoon seed mixture into egg compartments. Insert pipe cleaners into center. Allow to dry at least 4 days in this position. Remove from carton and hang bells outside to treat your birds.

Chaps For Women

Horsewoman Lisa Jett in Pocatello, Idaho, was tired of being cold and wet while riding or looking after her animals during inclement weather.

"I was pretty sure I wasn't alone in my wish to have warm, weatherproof chaps that were made to suit female contours," Jett explains.

The outcome was that Jett got busy creating her own company to design, produce and market chaps for the benefit of other women like her.

Her "Original Rough Weather Chaps" have been available since last November.

Jett is pleased with the response to her product so far, and confidently offers a 30-day money-back guarantee to any customer not completely satisfied.

The chaps are made from Polartec Power Shield® fleece, which has a thin, tough "shell" on the outside, and microfleece on the inside. The chaps are machine washable and lightweight, but warm.

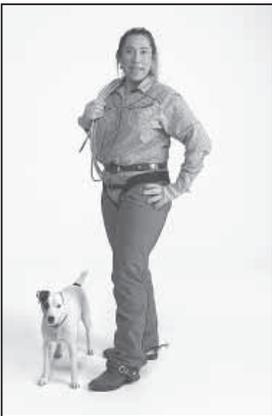
"They're light enough to pack in a saddlebag and extremely abrasion resistant, water repellent, and highly breathable," she explains. "These chaps block 98 percent of the wind when I am out feeding, clearing snow and riding, and they're very quiet - there is less friction noise than you would have with other hard shell materials."

Besides being warmer than leather chaps, she says her USA-made product is stretchy and easy to zip, making them much more comfortable.

"You can easily forget that you have them on," she says, "and it's much easier to get on your horse because you're not up against cold, stiff leather chaps that don't want to bend."

The Original Rough Weather Chaps are available in brown with black ultra suede trim (other colors are available in limited quantities). They come in women's sizes including S, M, L, XL and 1X and the price is \$159 per pair, plus S&H.

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Chaps are made from Polartec Power Shield fleece.

3-Pt. Hitch Garbage Hauler

If you live in an area where you have to put your garbage into a rolling container, you might like this idea from Dean Rollie, Bruno, Minn.

"I got tired of dragging our garbage can up our 700-ft. driveway so I decided to make a little accessory for the 3-pt. hitch on my Ford," says Rollie.

He attached a short piece of angle iron to the top link which fits over the metal handle on the back of his garbage bin. When he lifts the 3-pt., the bottom of the bin rests against the drawbar.

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Angle iron, attached to top link, fits over handle on back of garbage bin.



When 3-pt. is lifted, bottom of bin rests against drawbar.

Delbert Luna made this bench out of an old iron bed frame.



Bench Made From Old Bed

You can make a nifty bench out of an old iron bed frame, says Delbert Luna, Gainesville, Mo.

He cuts off the foot of the bed to make arms that weld to the head of the bed. He uses 3/4-in. angle iron to form the seat, which is covered with a plywood board. He painted the bench Deere green and puts Deere yellow cushions over the seat and back.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Pine Cone Picker Upper

If you hate picking up pine cones on your lawn, you need Debra Seefeldt's "Coneivore".

You simply push this 3-ft. long poly pipe down on top of a pine cone and the slotted nylon cap sucks them up. It'll pick up cones between 2 and 7 in. in dia. "My husband is 6 ft. 6 and I'm 5 ft. 4. We figured we needed something that we could both use comfortably," Seefeldt says.

The pipe holds between 18 and 20 cones at a time. You just turn the tube upside down to dispose of the pine cones.

Seefeldt notes that people are also using the Coneivore to pick up apples, pears, oranges, black walnuts, chestnuts, etc.

Sells for \$34.95 plus S&H.

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"Coneivore" picks up cones between 2 and 7 in. in diameter.



Off-Road Commode (left) fits into receiver hitch. Bumper Dumper (right) also fits into hitch or you can take it into the woods.



Toilet "Seats" For Truck Hitches

"Your truck can go anywhere, now you can too." That's the slogan for the Off-Road Commode, a camouflage fabric and padding-covered steel toilet seat that fits 2-in. receiver hitches.

The fabric cover slides off for washing. The seat handles up to 500 lbs. It hides under most car and truck seats. Some users may be uneasy because there's no privacy. "The Off-Road Commode isn't a porta potty. It's not intended to be used in a state park or a public place," says John Krawietz, president of Convenient Sports International.

Sells for \$39.95 plus \$15 S&H. A drawstring pouch to hold it sells for \$10.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Convenient Sports International, 231 West FM 544, Suite 116, Murphy, Texas 75094 (ph 972 516-2287; fax 972 516-2281; www.backyardbatter.com).

If you're looking for something more versatile and willing to spend a little more money, you might consider the Bumper Dumper. "It's the ultimate outdoor toilet," says inventor Randy Soffar. It has a steel "goalie shaped" frame that slides into any 2-in. receiver hitch. A standard white toilet seat with lid (included) bolts to the frame just as it would on your home toilet. It'll hold up to 600 lbs. You can also put a bag or 5-gal. bucket underneath.

Not only that, you can take it and the bucket into the woods for some privacy. If you need some extra back support, just lean the hitch part of the frame against a tree or something else that's sturdy. Sells for \$59.95 plus S&H. An additional toilet paper holder that slides on the hitch part sells for \$5.

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