

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.

Snickered Apples

4 to 5 full-size Snickers bars
7 or 8 apples

Chop Snickers bars in a food chopper. Peel, core and slice the apples. Place apples in a baking dish. Sprinkle candy bars over the top. Bake at 350° for 15 min. Serve alone or with ice cream.

Corn Soup

4 cups fresh or frozen corn, thawed
1 small hot pepper
4 tbsp finely chopped green onion
2 tsp salt
4 tbsp butter
4 cups milk
1 1/2 cups water
Grated cheese

Process corn, hot pepper, onions and salt in food processor until paste-like. Melt butter in saucepan, add corn paste, and stir-fry over med heat for 3 min. Stir in milk and water. Bring to boil, then simmer on low heat 25 min. Serve hot. Add cheese to taste.
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Honey-Glazed Lima Beans

2 cups dried lima beans
1 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup shortening
3/4 cup honey
1 1/2 tsp salt

Soak beans about 2 hrs. in water. Drain. Cover beans with water and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer over med heat for 2 hrs. Drain. Melt shortening and saute onions until tender. Mix beans, onions, honey and salt together. Pour into casserole. Bake in a 350° oven until beans are glazed and tender, about 1 hr.

All-Purpose Liquid Cleaner

Combine: 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1 cup ammonia, 1/2 cup baking soda, 1 gal. warm water. Use in a spray bottle.



Modified "load lock" was originally used on a semi tractor.



Tightening the load lock's ratchet lever stretches pants to desired size.

"Load Lock" Pants Stretcher

"I enjoyed reading the story in your last issue about the pants stretcher made by Loron Skretteborg. I've noticed that my jeans, too, are mysteriously shrinking. So I decided to make a pants stretcher like Skretteborg's but I didn't have the correct size tubing. I checked in the back of my semi tractor and found an old 'load lock,'" says Spider Lawman of Laurens, Iowa.

"After about a half hour of tinkering I came up with my own version of a pants stretcher. It works remarkably well."

The load lock was originally 8 ft. wide and consisted of one pipe that telescoped inside another pipe, with a ratchet lever used to extend or retract the telescoping pipe. Lawman used a hacksaw to cut both pipes down to the width he needed and attached small steel plates to the ends.

"I used a magic marker to make a mark so I can make my pants the same size every time," says Lawman. "I just moisten the waist band a little and insert the load lock, then clamp a vise grip on the pants button hole so the hole doesn't get stretched out. Then I tighten the ratchet lever to the desired size."

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Spider Lawman, 4546 140th Ave., Laurens, Iowa 50554 (ph 515 783-8701).

Vertical Ice Cube Tray

This new vertical ice cube tray allows you to store ice while making ice.

The patented design consists of a slip-in storage bucket that seals off the egg-shaped cube makers. Once the cubes are solid, you slip out the bucket and shake the cubes loose.

Sells for \$15.99.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Raymond & Co., P.O. Box 5121, Winter Park, Florida 32793 (ph 407 831-0102; www.Raymondandco.com).



Slip-in storage bucket seals off egg-shaped cube makers.

"Wheeled Gates" Add Character To Farm

Ernie Herschberger, Humboldt, Ill. likes to make big, beautiful gates that reflect his love for horses. He has made three gates, all of which are at least 10 ft. high, that feature steel wheels off old horse-drawn cultivators.

The main gate to his farm uses a small cultivator wheel as part of an overhead metal span, which is attached to the top of two telephone poles. Two metal cross bars contain the wheel while a chain of welded-together horseshoes adds to the charm. The bottom part of the gate consists of two large cultivator wheels supported by some cross bars.

An 8-ft. wide double gate is part of an enclosure for his five horses. In the past, the enclosure was also used for some white deer that he was raising. The gate consists of two 4-ft. wide gates with a frame made from sq. tubing. The bottom half of the gate consists of expanded metal with a 4-ft. dia. cultivator wheel welded to it. The wheels are welded to the tubing. A series of metal bars extend vertically above the expanded metal.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ernie Herschberger, 4136 East County Road 1600 N., Humboldt, Ill. 61931 (ph 217 254-1107).



Beautiful "wheeled gate" reflects Herschberger's love for horses.

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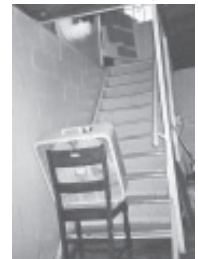
New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Low-Cost Air Conditioning

One hot summer day, Rex Gogerty of Hubbard, Iowa, got to thinking about how cool it was down in his basement - and how much money he was spending on electricity to cool the upper floors of the house.

That's when he got the idea for a low-cost way to spread that cool basement air around. He put a box fan on a chair at the base of the stairs and pointed it upward. He doesn't really know how much it saves but it cools off the room at the top of the stairs and costs very little to run.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rex Gogerty, 33475 K Avenue, Hubbard, Iowa 50122.



Box fan at base of stairs blows cool air upstairs.

Mosquito Motel Kills Pesky Bugs

The Mosquito Motel invites pesky bugs in - and won't let them out again.

"This captures all sizes of mosquitoes and other bugs. It's a new concept that uses no chemicals," says Stan Price, owner of Mosquito Mart in Beaumont, Texas.

Flying insects are attracted to the unit by its ultraviolet lights and the carbon dioxide produced by light hitting titanium oxide coated panels. When insects enter the unit, a quiet fan pushes them down into a capture net at the bottom where they dehydrate and die.

You plug the Mosquito Motel into a regular 110-volt outlet in a cool, dark, damp area with some type of cover - the units are not designed to be in the rain. Horse barns, porches and lean-tos are good locations, Price says. The motel uses 26 watts of electricity and should be plugged in at all times.

The machine is non-discriminate about the bugs it kills, Price adds, though he's never seen it lure honeybees. In very buggy areas, you need to empty the unit every other day. The bottom has a handy twist lock for easy removal.

Price notes other units that work on the same principle cost as much as \$900. His imported 7 by 14-in. model "does an awfully good job for the money."

Mosquito Mart has a summer special of \$59.95 and a 90-day warranty. Extra ultraviolet lights can also be purchased for \$6.99/pair. Lights typically last about six months, Price says. Mosquito Motel comes in black or green.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Mosquito Mart, Inc, 11475 Hwy. 90, Beaumont, Texas 77713 (ph 409 866-6855; www.mosquitomartinc.com).



When mosquitoes enter unit, a fan pushes them down into capture net at bottom where they die.

Pacifier Thermometer

Taking a baby's temperature has never been easy. But here's a simple way to get the job done.

The Summer Pacifier Thermometer works like a regular pacifier but has a readout on front with the baby's temperature. It sells for just \$9.99 and comes in a storage case. Available in many retail stores and online at Amazon.com.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Summer Infant, 1275 Park East Drive, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895 (ph 800 268-6237).



Pacifier has readout on front with baby's temperature.