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"Chemical Edger" Makes Weed Killing Easy

Wayne Foster wanted to kill weeds along his flowerbeds, gardens and walkways without the danger of spray drifting onto flowers and shrubs. So he built a "chemical edger" that treats weeds by dabbing on a small amount of liquid weed killer in a narrow path.

"It works great and reduces the amount of pesticide released into your yard and the environment," says Foster.

The unit consists of a 3 1/2-ft. long aluminum shaft with a 4-in. high, 1-in. wide rubber wheel at the bottom end and a handle with trigger on top. A 1-quart plastic bottle attaches to the shaft, with a small rubber hose leading from it down through a plastic fender on top of the wheel. The trigger is wired to an opening mechanism on the bottle that lets chemical flow through the tube. To use it, you just pull the trigger and start rolling the wheel.

"The chemical rolls evenly onto the wheel. It works great with Roundup, Weed-B-Gone and any other herbicide," says Foster. "The bottle mounts on a plastic saddle that's attached to the shaft."

Foster is looking for a manufacturer.

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Sound Shapes create musical sounds and reflected flashes of light to chase pest birds away.

Wind And Sun-Driven Bird Scarer

This new-style bird scarer uses both the wind and sun to chase pest birds away.

Remo, Inc., Valencia, Calif., introduced Sound Shapes at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif. Sound Shapes create musical sounds and reflected flashes of light.

Holographic, metalized film strips reflect light when moved by the wind. The reflective strips set inside laminated wooden frames in different shapes and colors, and they swivel underneath a fiberglass, clothesline-type pole. As the reflective strips knock against each other, the different shapes make different sounds.

A 2-ft. long "Sparkle Strip" is riveted to each end of the pole to create even more movement in the wind.

"The metalized film strips strike each other randomly in the wind, producing a pleasant musical sound that won't disturb neighbors or farm animals," says Nick Valdez. "They won't frighten all the birds all the time, but where we've tested them in our own vineyard and in 8 to 10 local vineyards, the success rate is about 85 to 90 percent. The number of Sound Shapes required may vary depending on the size of the property and weather conditions."

"Sound Shapes look so nice that you can use them on your patio, where they'll make wonderful wind chimes. The sound they make is absolutely beautiful and will put you to sleep at night."

The wood frames are made from the same material used in Remo drums and make a distinctive sound. In fact, Remo, the inventor of Remo drums, came up with the idea to use the wood to enclose the reflective strips. "I'm in the music products business as well as the music therapy business, and I see Sound Shapes as an educational and therapy tool," says Remo.

Sound Shapes sell for \$29.95 plus S&H. Valdez says he's looking for dealers in other states.

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Reflective shapes swivel underneath a fiberglass, clothesline-type pole.

Powered Sausage Stuffer

Gene Geiss and his family stuffed 100 lbs. of sausage in 2 1/2 hrs. thanks to Gene's idea of using a powered pipe threader to drive his hand-cranked Chop-Rite sausage stuffer.

"It's geared down just right," says Geiss.

All he needed was an adapter to fit over the square crankshaft on the

stuffer. Geiss cut a round blank out of flat steel bar and cut a keyway to fit the pipe threader throat. However, he didn't have the right tool to make a square hole in the center to match the shaft. Instead, he drilled out a hole in the center and welded a piece of square steel tube in place. He then filled in around it.

"It works great," says Geiss. "I just slip the adapter on and then tighten the driver over it. I rest the driver against a block of wood, and the torque produced holds the stuffer in place. We don't even have to clamp it down anymore."

Geiss operates a machine shop and sees other uses for his power pipe threader. He plans to make a second adapter plate to fit his hand crank metal bending roll.

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Powered pipe threader drives hand-cranked sausage stuffer.

Insulated chest freezer keeps dogs cooler in summer and warmer in winter.



Chest Freezer Dog House

Guests are a little surprised when they see Dan Yuska's coon hounds come out of a freezer standing in the farmyard.

The Traer, Iowa, farmer put two chest freezers up on blocks so they wouldn't rust on the bottom and used a reciprocating saw to cut in a door in the end of each freezer.

He covered the sharp edges with sheet metal, screwing the metal down securely.

Yuska opens the freezer doors to spread straw or clean the houses out. He's had them about four years, and they have worked great, he says.

"The freezers are insulated so they are cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter," Yuska says.

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He Made A Sweet AC Treat

Since Wes Lam is well known as the "orange tractor guy" by friends and neighbors, it wasn't out of character when he made a cake in the shape of an Allis Chalmers to celebrate his birthday last December.

Lam mixed up a couple batches of Rice Krispy bars to mold the tractor that stands on top of his birthday cake. Using a toy Allis-Chalmers 7060 for a model, he mixed up the cereal treat mix and molded the body out of one piece. He shaped wheels separately and connected them with dowels.

Lam tinted frosting to get it as close to AC orange as he could and "decaled" it with one of his mother's cake decorating tools. Lam's older brother added the finishing touch with icing stadium lights.

The brothers even decorated the cake with a colorful edging and sprigs of grass on a snowy palette that matched the outdoors scene at the farm.

"We couldn't eat it," Lam admits. Instead, he put the tractor in an enclosed porch where it hardened. Now it's another piece in his collection of toy and real AC tractors.

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To celebrate his birthday last December, Wes Lam made a cake in the shape of an Allis Chalmers tractor.

Reader Recipes

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- 1 tsp soda
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup warm coffee

Combine ingredients in order given. Alternate flour with liquid for better mixing. Bake in 9 by 13 pan at 350° for one hour or until done. Pan does not need to be greased or floured. Serve plain or with whipped cream.
Vickie Christman, Huntington, Ind.

Corned Beef Deluxe

- 2 1/2 cups boiled, diced potatoes (keep the liquid)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tbsp oleo
- 2 tbsp flour
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/3 tsp pepper
- 1 1/4 cups Pet milk
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 2 1/4 cups corned beef
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- 1 cup fine bread crumbs
- 2 tsp melted butter

Fry onions in oleo but do not brown. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Stir constantly while adding milk, cheese, and enough potato liquid to make a medium sauce. Heat slowly and stir until cheese is melted. Arrange in layers in casserole: corned beef, potatoes, sliced eggs. Cover with cheese sauce and sprinkle with a mixture of bread crumbs and butter. Bake 20 min. at 350° or until crumbs are brown.
Vickie Christman, Huntington, Ind.

Pint's All-Purpose Cleaner

- 2 tbsp Clorox 2-color safe bleach
- 4 tsp Arm & Hammer washing soda
- 2 tsp Borax laundry booster
- 2 tbsp Castile Soap (buy at www.drbrnner.com or ph 877-786-3649)
- 1 gal. water

All organic cleaner works well in cold water and also hard water. Use 1 cup per load of laundry; 1/2 cup in a mop bucket. For general cleaning, pour cleaner from gallon jug into squirt bottle - clean stovetop, countertops, bathrooms, etc. Costs about 50 cents a gallon.
Ralph Stevenson, Ionia, Iowa