

Reader Recipes

Crockpot Candy

32 oz. dry roasted peanuts
12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
4 oz. German sweet chocolate
32 oz. white chocolate candy chips (vanilla flavored)

Layer in order in the crockpot, do not stir. Cook on low for 2 hrs. Do not stir and do not take the lid off during cooking. When 2 hrs. is up, stir together and drop by teaspoonfuls onto parchment paper. Once set, store in an airtight container. Makes approximately 80 pieces.

Simple Kale Salad

Kale
Sea salt
Lemon juice
Olive oil
Nuts
Bacon or shrimp

Strip mature kale from the stems. Tear into bite-sized pieces. Place in a large bowl and sprinkle with sea salt. Toss with enough fresh lemon juice and olive oil to coat. Let sit for at least a half hour so the juice can "cook" the greens, softening them. Before serving, toss in crumpled bacon or grilled shrimp, nuts.

Cracker Jack Cookies

1 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 1/2 cup flour
1 tsp soda
2 cups oatmeal
1 cup coconut
2 cups Rice Krispies
2 tsp vanilla
1 tsp baking powder

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Sift flour, baking powder and soda together. Stir in oatmeal, coconut and Rice Krispies. Drop by teaspoon on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 10 to 12 min. until light brown.

Corncob Jelly

12 corncobs (red cobs if possible for color)
3 qts. water
1 box powdered pectin
4 cups sugar

Wash the corncobs thoroughly and chop into pieces. Put in a heavy saucepan with 3 qts. water and simmer for 30 min. Strain and measure out 3 cups. Add the pectin and sugar. Bring to a boil and boil 1 min., then pour into jars and seal.

Air-Powered Automatic Washing Machine

Compressed air systems have powered Amish dairy barns for more efficient milking for years. Now, those same systems can help with another chore - laundry. After three years and 16 prototypes, Levi Fisher of Fisher Manufacturing successfully modified an automatic washing machine to be powered by 45 to 50 lbs. of air pressure. No other power source needed.

"A hose hooks into the air line, just like plugging in a cord," he explains.

Fisher has sold 262 washing machines since 2012 to customers in nine states and Canada. The cost is \$1,780.

He notes that the machines are heavy duty with a 3.4 cu. ft. drum that handles heavy loads, including horse blankets. The machine hooks up easily to any air-powered system with a 1/2-hp motor and spins at 630 rpm's to efficiently remove water and reduce drying time.

The washing machines have four water level options, 3 water temperature settings, gravity drain, a gentle power agitator and auto balance suspension system.

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Automatic washing machine is powered by 45 to 50 lbs. of air pressure.

He Designed His Own Suspenders

A rural Minnesota man wasn't happy with the fit of his suspenders, or with the metal clips that seemed to always unclip at the most unhandy times.

"The clips had a tendency to rip up upholstery, both in the house and in my vehicles," says Gary Larson. "I decided to redesign suspenders so that they would be comfortable, adjustable, durable, and most importantly - snag proof."

The suspenders are made from high quality polyester, with no metal whatsoever in them. An adjustable back design lets you reconfigure the suspenders to your personal body shape, which will keep the straps on your shoulders without cutting into your neck.

"These suspenders will hold your jeans, hunting pants, or dress slacks right where you want them without irritating your neck or shoulders, because there's no metal in them," says Larson, noting that he wears a loose belt that slips through loops on the suspenders. "You'll have total range of movement without worrying about straps slipping or clips popping loose."

They sell for \$35 plus S&H. A version with plastic clips (no need for belt) is coming out soon.

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"Pot And Pan" Carousel

Benjamin Baughman, Fish Fork, Ariz., used an old bicycle wheel to make a handy "pot and pan" carousel that he set up in his mobile home. The pots hang from large S-hooks attached to the sides of the wheel, and the pot lids store nicely on top.

"I always wanted a pot and pan rack but there wasn't room for one in my mobile home. The bicycle wheel makes a perfect rack," says Baughman.

The carousel is bolted to a large plywood board that sets on a counter. The pipe that supports it came off a small table and has a bracket that bolts to the plywood. Baughman drilled a hole into the center of a metal bar and then welded it to the top of the pipe. He removed the nut from the bicycle's axle, then set the axle down inside the hole, put the nut back on, and tightened it.

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Suspenders are made from high quality polyester, with no metal in them.



Loop hooks onto loosely tightened belt.



Pots and pans rotate on carousel made from an old bicycle wheel.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Lighted Tube Guides Parking

A little black tube and a small light helps Paul Miller back his vehicle into a narrow garage space. The Montana man explains that he developed the habit of backing into buildings (instead of entering head-on) during his military days.

A piece of black 3/4-in. pvc pipe works best. He plugged a motion-activated light fixture into an outlet with the sensor on top and the light on the bottom about an inch away from the back end of the tube. The inner walls light up when the light turns on and shines through the tube.

Miller took his time lining it up just right with his driver side rearview mirror. As long as he can see the light all the way through the tube, he knows he is lined up correctly while backing up. A tennis ball on a string hits his back window when he's far enough in.

Miller notes that any kind of light would work, but the motion-activated light only comes on when needed.

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Motion-activated light helps Miller back his vehicle into narrow garage spaces.

Sliding Barn Doors For Home Use

"You can give any door in your house a distinct character by installing a sliding barn door," says Jan Sorenson, Rustica Hardware, Provo, Utah.

The company makes various styles of sliding barn doors and mounting hardware designed for use both inside and outside. A variety of handles and latches are available to open and close the doors. The doors fit over the top of the door jamb and can cover a variety of door or window openings.

Interior doors are made from knotty alder, and exterior doors from cedar. Some doors are also made from reclaimed barn wood. Door styles range from conventional to contemporary.

"The doors can be customized to your preference. Large doors are commonly placed as a dividing wall between the living room and the dining area. They also act as a pocket door in a kitchen or pantry. Some people use them on their outdoor decks."

The doors come with all the hardware needed for assembly including spacers and door guides that prevent rubbing and bumping against walls. "The track comes with pre-drilled holes or can be ordered without holes, and lag bolts into the wall studs through a spacer," says Sorenson.

Mounting hardware comes in a variety of finishes including flat black, dark bronze, and raw steel. Numerous other finish tones can be custom ordered at an extra charge. Sliding barn doors for homes can be found on the company's website, www.rusticahardware.com. Prices range from \$349 for a ranch barn door to \$1,790 for a frosted glass barn door.

The company also offers exterior sliding doors designed for use in barns and sheds, which you can check out at www.barndoorhardware.com or www.rusticahardware.com.

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Sliding barn doors and mounting hardware come in a variety of styles.