

Reader Recipes

Baked Corn

1 pint (or can) whole kernel corn
1 pint (or can) cream corn
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup sour cream
1 12-oz. package Jiffy corn muffin mix

Preheat oven to 250°. In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Mix well, then pour into a 9 by 13-in. baking pan. Bake for 35 to 45 min.

Cream Cheese Cookies

1 pkg (8 oz.) cream cheese
1/4 lb. butter
1 tsp vanilla
1 egg
1 cake mix (can be any flavor)

Mix the cream cheese and butter together. Add the egg and vanilla and mix well. Add the dry cake mix. Drop small scoops on a cookie sheet and bake for 12 min. at 325°. If you want, you can sprinkle them with powdered sugar.

Simple Corn Fritters

2 eggs, separated
2 tbsp flour
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp salt
Pepper
2 cups kernel corn

Beat the egg whites and set aside. Add the flour, sugar, salt and a little pepper to the yolks. Add the corn and fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Drop dollops of the mixture onto a hot griddle or skillet. Cook slowly until done through.

Thousand Island Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chili sauce
1 tbsp pickle relish

Mix all ingredients well. Store in refrigerator indefinitely. (You can add minced onion, green peppers or green olives as a variation.)

Tumbleweeds

12 oz. butterscotch
2 tbsp peanut butter
12 oz. peanuts
4 oz. can shoestring potatoes

Melt chips and peanut butter in double boiler. Combine peanuts and shoestring potatoes with butterscotch mixture. Drop by teaspoonful onto wax paper. Cool.

Electrified Squirrel-Proof Feeder

Seed-stealing squirrels on his bird feeders are no longer a problem for James Henson, Union Mills, N.C., who uses an electric fence charger to shock them away.

He has 3 feeders that hang from a horizontal metal arm attached to a vertical pole. A plastic tube finch feeder is located just a few inches from the pole, with 2 large sunflower feeders beyond it. He cut up some wire mesh and covered the catch tray on the finch feeder. Then he took a fence charger and hooked the ground to the pole, and wired the hot side of the charger to the mesh.

"In the past, squirrels would climb the pole and run across the finch feeder to get to the sunflower feeders.

Now when they touch the finch feeder, with their rear feet still on the vertical pole, the fence charger shocks them and it only takes once," says Henson. "I've seen squirrels jump up and backward 7 to 8 ft. while trying to climb the pole. After that they'll sometimes walk 15 ft. around the pole just to avoid getting shocked again. I ran a bare wire up alongside the feeder tube in case a squirrel ever tries to climb above the tray.

"This electrified hookup doesn't affect birds since they can't touch both the feeder and pole at the same time. The squirrels eat daily on the ground beneath the feeder, but they never climb it any more."

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Fence charger is wired to mesh covering catch tray and also grounded to pole. Squirrel touches feeder with its rear feet still on pole and gets shocked.



Outside boiler and double wall fire ring burns without smoking.

Smokeless Campfire Rings

Most folks would enjoy campfires a lot more if there was no smoke. The new AJA Smokeless Fire Ring not only eliminates smoke, it can also be customized with your own design or logo.

And, you can even add a grill option, says Anthony Anderson, who designed and makes the rings.

After a long cold winter heating his New York Mills, Minn., home with a wood stove that required lots of wood, he learned about gasification. After researching, he built an outside boiler and a small fire ring.

"Our (double wall) ring holds smoke long enough giving it oxygen so it reignites like a Bunsen burner," Anderson says. He spent a few years experimenting with hole alignment and heights of different size rings for the most efficient burn.

The fire smokes a little in the beginning, but turns smokeless when the ring heats up. He notes that it's important to use dry wood, but demonstrates on his website's video that the ring burns leaves without smoking.

Customers appreciate the quality of his rings made from nine CNC-cut pieces of 16-gauge mild steel welded together.

Rings come in four colors (black, blue, red and green) and four sizes: 16, 24, 28 and 32-in. outer diameter, that weigh between 25 and 80 lbs. Prices start at around \$119, and are listed on the AJA website.

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Where To Buy Garden Art

One of the best sources we've seen for yard or garden art is Wind & Weather (www.windandweather.com).

Spinners, stakes, signs, wind chimes and glass art feature everything from unicorns to dragons, fish, birds and saints. The catalog offers items like metal heron stakes (\$68) to a nearly 6-ft. wide, two-panel metal screen of colorful plexiglas diamonds (\$200).

Farm folks may appreciate the foot-tall dancing pigs sculpture or 14-in. cow statue (\$40/each). Bird lovers find plenty of choices as well as feeders, houses and birdbaths for them to use.

For pretty and practical, check out the solar rain gauges with hummingbirds or butterflies that light up at night (\$25).

The online catalog makes it easy to search for the kind of item you are looking for according to design and price (starting at less than \$25). Or, if you prefer

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A mixture of dish soap and coffee grounds works well for removing grease, says Andrew Gallagher.

Dish Soap + Coffee Grounds = Clean Hands

When FARM SHOW reader Andrew Gallagher cleans up after doing greasy mechanic work, there's a faint coffee aroma about him. That's because of the soap concoction he uses - a mixture of dish soap and coffee grounds.

"I used to buy store-bought soap for mechanics that had ground-up walnut shells," says the retired chef who enjoys working on vehicles. "Then I thought, I can do this myself."

As a chef he knew dish soap works well for removing grease; he just needed an abrasive.

Instead of composting all his used coffee grounds, he dried some to place next to the dish soap he uses to wash his hands.

"It's just abrasive enough to take off grease and not hurt your hands," he says.

Wet your hands, soap them up, then dip a hand in the grounds and scrub your hands well before rinsing the soap/grounds off.

Use any dish soap you like, Gallagher says. A cup of used coffee grounds goes a long way. It also works well to clean up after painting.

"It's simple," he says. "And it smells good for a little while."

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