

Reader Recipes

Heath Bar Cookies

1 cup butter
1 1/3 cup white sugar
1 beaten egg
3 cups flour
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
4 Heath Bars, chopped
Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Mix in flour, soda, and salt. Fold in Heath bars. Chill for a few hours. Roll out like refrigerator cookies and slice 1/4 in. thick. Bake at 350° for 9 min.

Pickled Onion Slaw

1/2 cup water
2/3 cup plus 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar, divided
3 tsp honey, divided
1 1/4 cup red onion, vertically sliced
2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp black pepper
3/8 tsp kosher salt
5 cups green cabbage, very thinly sliced
1/2 cup fresh parsley

Bring water, 2/3 cup vinegar and 2 tsp honey to a boil in a small saucepan over high heat. Add onion and cook 1 min. Remove pan from heat and let stand until ready to use. Meanwhile, whisk together oil, pepper, salt, remaining 2 tsp of vinegar and 1 tsp honey in a large bowl. Add cabbage and parsley; toss to coat. Let stand 10 min. Drain onions and stir into cabbage mixture. *Marlene Maurer, Lakewood, Colo.*

Popcorn S'mores

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/2 tsp baking soda
10 cups freshly popped popcorn
1 package (10 1/2 oz.) miniature marshmallows
2 cups mini graham cracker cookies
1 cup chocolate chips
Combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup in medium saucepan. Cook over high heat 5 min. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. In large bowl, combine popcorn and marshmallows. Pour hot syrup mixture over popcorn and marshmallows to coat. Gently stir in graham cookies and chocolate chips. Spread mixture evenly onto greased 10 by 15-in. pan. Let cool and break into pieces.

The Nail Clipper Anyone Can Use

Clipping fingernails seems to be a simple enough task for most folks - unless you are arthritic or have a disability like blindness, a missing arm, or neurological disorder. With the brand new ClipDifferent Pro Automatic Fingernail Clipper, there is now a way for adults and teens of all abilities to trim their own nails.

Within a minute or so, the compact device trims nails on both hands. Simply turn it on, place a fingernail in the slit, rotate the nail side to side, and move on to the next fingernail. When you're done, empty the tiny drawer that collects the clippings.

"The main thing for people is independence. They don't have to rely on someone to clip their nails," says Melanie McMullen, VP for sales and marketing for the Minnesota business.

Safety is the number one factor, and the nail clipper's design ensures that it won't cut skin - just fingernails. Inside a thin, surgical grade, stainless steel blade makes precision cuts that leave the nail smooth so filing isn't necessary. It's up to the person how



To use ClipDifferent just place a fingernail in slit and rotate nail side to side.

short to cut the nails.

"Because it's such a precise blade, it cuts even thick, brittle or gel-polished nails," McMullen says. She notes her 80-year-old uncle, a lifelong dairy farmer, has thick nails and large hands and uses a ClipDifferent.

The rechargeable NiMH battery lasts for months before needing to be charged. Available for \$149 at amazon.com. They are also working to develop a toenail clipper.

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Wire bracket hook is clamped onto a 10-ft. length of pvc pipe. Lower end of bracket fits over tree limb, while the upper end serves as a spike for the cob.

Corn Cob Squirrel Feeder

"I enjoy viewing the antics of squirrels in the trees outside my house, and I wanted to watch them while they're eating. So I made a simple corn cob squirrel feeder that I can locate at any point along a tree limb," says Joseph Gibbs, Columbia, Mo.

He bent a 9-ga. wire bracket into a hook and attached it to a discarded broom handle, shaping the lower end of the bracket to fit the diameter of the tree limb. The upper end of the bracket serves as a spike for the cob, which mounts just above the center of the limb.



Gibbs mounted another corn cob feeder on a 10-ft. length of 1/2-in. pvc pipe, allowing him to position the feeder higher up in the tree where he can see it from a second story window.

"These feeders are easy to see through the tree branches. The weight of the broom handle or pvc pipe keeps the cob in an upright position and secure," notes Gibbs.

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Gas-Powered Ice Cream Freezer

The 2-cyl. gas engine off an old Maytag washing machine powers this home-built ice cream maker.

"I take it to family events and small parties. People really get a kick out of it," says Allan Isaac, Farmington, British Columbia. "The operator uses a foot pedal to start the engine. The way it's designed is nice and compact, and the ice cream comes out perfect."

He bought the model 72 washing machine engine, which came with a fuel tank and foot pedal as a one-piece unit, at an auction. The components mount at the bottom of a metal frame, which Isaac cut out of 14-ga. steel and 3/16-in. thick plate using a CNC plasma cutting table. A new 6-quart White Mountain hand-cranked ice cream freezer mounts on a shelf located above the engine. The engine belt-drives a series of pulleys that drive a paddle at the top of the bucket. Isaac welded a 3/4-in. socket onto the end of a shaft that runs through the top pulley, and also welded a 3/4-in. nut



Washing machine engine belt-drives a series of pulleys that drive paddle at top of bucket.

to the top shaft of the freezer to make a quick coupler.

"The engine runs at 1,800 rpm's, but the pulley system and a jackshaft reduce the top pulley's speed down to 50 rpm's," says Isaac. "It takes only 20 to 30 min. to make 6 quarts of ice cream."

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Bryan cut off the top 3 in. of a plastic barrel and then made a series of long parallel "louvers" in the lid.

"Best Barrel Boot Scraper Ever"

Cleaning muddy boots isn't a problem any more for Wayne Bryan, Conesus, N.Y. He made a boot scraper using the top of a 55-gal. plastic barrel.

He used a cordless circular saw equipped with a 4-in. blade to cut off the top 3 in. of the barrel, then made a series of cuts about 3/8 in. apart around the rim and bung holes. He also made a series of long parallel cuts about 1 1/2 in. apart in the lid and

turned them into "louvers". He used a propane torch to heat the ends of the cuts, then used a vise grip to bend them and hold them in place until they hardened. He also cut a 2-in. wide strip out of a truck mud flap and used a couple of carriage bolts to fasten it onto the lid, bristle side up.

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Air-Powered Plunger

This new air-powered plunger instantly clears a blocked toilet with the press of a button, which releases a single blast of compressed air.

The 18-in. long plunger is powered by widely available carbon dioxide cartridges, and comes with a flexible silicone head that forms an airtight seal on any kind of toilet. You insert the head into the toilet and angle it downward to push the head down into the bowl. The head and its upper flange should form an airtight seal before releasing the compressed air, which clears the clog.

According to the company, the air-powered plunger is easier and more powerful than conventional plungers, and gentler on the environment than chemical drain openers. The company says the plunger won't damage pipes, works especially well with low-flow toilets, and its extra-long handle keeps hands clear of bowl water.

Comes with 3 single-use carbon dioxide cartridges and a stand. Sells for \$49.95 plus S&H. A package of 5 additional cartridges sells for \$8.95 plus S&H.

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With the press of a button, a single blast of compressed air is released to clear blocked toilet.