

Reader Recipes

Church Windows

1 stick butter
1 1/2 cup chocolate chips
1 10-oz. pkg. mini marshmallows
1 cup pecans or other nuts

Melt butter and chocolate chips in top of double boiler, then cool a little. Pour over marshmallows and nuts. Form into a roll and refrigerate, then slice.

Baked Pineapple

1 20-oz. can crushed pineapple
3 eggs, beaten
1 stick butter, melted
1 cup sugar
4 slices bread, cubed and mixed with melted butter

Mix all ingredients together and bake in a 350° oven for 30 to 40 min. or until firm.

Sour Cream Banana Bread

1 cup butter
3 cups sugar
5 cups flour
1 tsp salt
4 bananas, mashed
6 eggs
3 cups sour cream
2 tsps vanilla
4 tsps baking soda

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream together butter, sugar and eggs. In a separate bowl, mix sour cream and baking soda. Fold this mixture into the first mixture, then add the flour, salt, bananas and vanilla. Bake 50 min. Makes 4 loaves.

Fresh Raspberry Pie

12 oz. Cool Whip
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup lemon juice
3 cups fresh raspberries
1 pie crust

Mix Cool Whip, condensed milk, and lemon juice. Fold in raspberries and pour into pie crust. Chill before serving and garnish with a few raspberries on top.

Hummus

1 15-oz. can garbanzo beans
Roasted red peppers in olive oil
1 clove garlic
Cumin, salt and chili powder to taste

Mix together in blender. Serve with crackers, vegetables, or bread.



Waite used homemade chainsaw jig to produce trapezoidal cuts on ends of boards he used for siding his house. Boards interlock at corners of house.

Chainsaw Jig Makes Dovetail Cuts

Over the past several decades Mark Waite has built and remodeled houses, designed and built furniture, and is widely known for his custom knife-making skills. Recently he decided to produce custom siding for his Colorado house using a large supply of beetle-killed timber.

Waite says he liked the idea of dovetail joints on the corners of his house, but the sawmill that was cutting his lumber didn't have the equipment to make the precision joints he wanted.

So Waite designed and built a custom jig for his chainsaw. After a few modifications he was able to make a series of uniform trapezoidal cuts on one end of each 1 by 12-in. rough sawn board. Those ends were rough cut with a beam-like piece about 6 in. thick and 12 in. long. Waite says the jig he designed clamps to the end of the board and he saws the angles just like cutting a tree limb.

After he completed the cuts, Waite stained the boards and installed them as siding. To get the desired interlocking effect he alternated pieces from the side and end of the house from just above ground level to the base of the soffit. The finished look gives the appearance of authentic stacked interlocking beams when in fact it's specially cut siding.

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Pie Pan Oriole Feeders

Dick Swanson made his first oriole feeder about a decade ago for a member of his church who loves birds, and he has been building them ever since.

The feeder consists of two empty cat food cans, filled with grape jelly, that slip into holes he drills into a 1 by 4 cedar board. A center post, made from part of a chair leg or dowels he picks up at home stores, holds the bright orange cover that's made from a pie pan.

"I like the old pie plates with the wrinkles," says Swanson, who picks up pans and other pieces at auctions and garage sales.

He says the Allis-Chalmers orange paint he sprays on the pie pans is the best color he's found to attract orioles.

He secures the pie pan lid with 1-in. dia. washers and a large S-hook for hanging the feeder.

It's a simple but attractive feeder, that the 80-year-old says he enjoys making and donating to his church and other causes. Each feeder costs \$5 to 6 to make, and they sell for about \$20 at fundraisers.

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Bird Feeder Turns With The Wind

Omer Hachey got tired of watching bird seed blow around the yard when the wind picked up around his Madran, New Brunswick, home.

So he decided to make a bird feeder that rotates with the wind like a weather vane.

The feeder housing is made from a couple refrigerator crisper drawers, screwed together and mounted on an old water pump housing that acts as the bearing. Two 1-in. pieces of wood extend out from either side of the feeder to catch the wind to rotate the feeder.

A plastic bucket mounts upside down below the bearing to keep squirrels out.

"This feeder saves a lot of seed and it's fun to watch," says Hachey.

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Two cat food cans filled with grape jelly fit into holes drilled in board. A center post holds bright orange pie plate cover.



Feeder housing mounts on an old water pump housing that acts as a bearing. Boards on either side catch the wind to rotate feeder.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Pads Prevent Broken Bones

When Frank Bowles invented a padding system to prevent broken hips and other severe injuries, he was thinking about ways to protect fragile older senior citizens. So he was pretty surprised when a 75-year-old man who breaks horses and mules for a living called to place an order for his HTK (Hip, Tailbone, Knee) Pads.

Though some senior citizens may be reluctant to wear his patent-pending HTK Pad in public, inventor Bowles is OK with that because 90 percent of falls occur at home. About a third of the 60 million people 65 and older have 1 to 3 falls every year. More than 300,000 are admitted to the hospital for hip fractures, which ends up being fatal for about 60,000 people.

Bowles knows those numbers because he is on the board of a large hospital in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. When he learned about the problem of people falling in hospitals and other care facilities, he decided to focus on that. As owner of a construction business, he is adept at solving problems.

His first prototype was cut from his wife's exercise mat. But like other padding systems he discovered in his research, it was not firm enough to protect the hip bone. He tried various materials and ended up with a concave design made of firm rubber that distributes impact away from the hipbone. Besides protecting the hip bone, Bowles added double thick neoprene rubber pads to protect the tailbone and knees. The neoprene is the same that is used in wet suits and is anti-microbial and can be washed. The HTK pad weighs 5 lbs. and is secured with a buckle at the waist and Velcro at the knees. It comes in seven sizes based on 22 to 44-in. waist measurements. Prices range from \$389 to \$409.

"My goal when I first thought of this was to make it affordable, as most seniors are on fixed incomes," Bowles says.

Having just introduced the padding at the end of 2019, he's been pleased with the response so far. The pads will be tested at the hospital where he is a board member, and ski schools are interested in them.

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Padding system protects hips, tailbone and knees. It's secured with a buckle at the waist and Velcro at the knees.

Lighted Bottles Brighten Any Room

Harold Heil says this simple idea for making colorful lighted bottles will brighten up your home.

Using almost any kind of colored glass bottle, he says you simply insert a string of light bulbs through the neck.

The electrical cord exits through a 3/4-in. hole drilled near the bottom of the bottle and is then plugged in to a standard outlet.

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Colorful glass bottles are illuminated by strings of light bulbs inside them.