

## New Products For Women And The Farm Or Ranch Home



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### Paint Brush Scrubber

Here's a simple wooden tool that helps clean paint brushes.

"Brushes, paint rollers or paint pads can all be cleaned by rubbing them against the ridges under water or in a bucket of solvent. It only takes a minute or two," Miles Parkkonen, Negauntee, Mich. says.

Before cleaning a paint roller, you slide it through the semi-circular notch in the side to scrape excess paint back into the paint can.

You can also use the notch to comb paint brush bristles into shape after cleaning them.

Sells for \$5 plus \$3.85 S&H.

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All you need is a screwdriver and a pair of large pliers to install this dual flush toilet kit. It's controlled by two handles.



### Double Flush Toilet Kit

If you're looking for a way to reduce water use, you might want to consider this "double flush" toilet retrofit kit.

At \$49.95 (\$59.95 Can.), it's an economical alternative to buying a new water-saving toilet. That's why Joe Molho, Alberta, Canada, created the kit. "No one else has a retrofit kit that fits most toilet tanks and saves both water and money," he says, adding that for a family of four, the kit can save about 10,000 gal. of water per year.

All you need is a screwdriver and pair of large pliers to install the dual flush system. It replaces the old style overflow valve and flapper assembly flush valve and is controlled by two handles. The short one is for liquid waste and only flushes half the tank. The longer handle, for solid waste, completely empties the tank. The kit fits toilets that are at least 13 in. tall, 16 in. wide and 6 in. deep.

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Anyone who likes the look of moss-covered rock or brick will be interested in this "recipe" we found on the internet. You can "paint" it on solid with a brush, or paint on designs like this one that spells out "moss graffiti".



### Moss Recipe For Do-It-Yourselfers

If you like the look of moss-covered rock or brick, here's a "recipe" we found on the internet that'll get you started.

You need 1 can of beer, 1/2 tsp. sugar, several clumps of garden moss, a plastic container with lid, a blender and a paint brush.

Crumple the moss into a blender. Then, add the beer and sugar and blend enough to create a smooth paste and pour it into the plastic container.

Next, you need to have a damp and shady wall to apply the "moss milkshake." You can "paint" it on solid with a brush, or paint on designs or even words to create "moss graffiti." The design will grow out and be clearly visible before growing together in a solid pattern.

For more information, check out this website: [www.storiesfromspace.co.uk/data/html/mossgraffiti.html](http://www.storiesfromspace.co.uk/data/html/mossgraffiti.html).

### New Way To Work On Your Knees

"With our patent-pending product, your knees are cradled in such cushioned comfort you won't even notice you're kneeling," says Kneez E-Z inventor Patti Verb of Oak Harbor, Ohio.

The Kneez E-Z is a "cushioned coaster" designed to work indoors or outdoors. It's made from strong but lightweight plastic that's strong enough to carry a 300-lb. person.

The 18-in. custom cut square cushion is made from a 2-part water-resistant foam that cradles and supports knees to offer a soft, gravity-defying, weightless feeling. It takes the stress off backs and knees to increase productivity while reducing fatigue, Verb says.

"Thanks to its special 3-in. twin casters, it'll maneuver in tight areas smoothly and operates quietly on a hard surface. The casters stay in place while you're working, thanks to their 7/16-in. grip ring stem for positive retention. Also, they're guaranteed not to mark the floor," she explains.

The Kneez E-Z sells for \$49.95, and is available from [www.kneezEZ.com](http://www.kneezEZ.com). All components are made in the U.S.A.

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"Cushioned coaster" cradles and supports your knees and also takes the stress off your back and knees.

### How To Make Your Own Filtered Cigarettes

If you like to smoke but don't like the taxes or additives connected with commercial cigarettes, maybe it's time to make your own. Universal Supply, Inc. sells everything a cigarette smoker needs, from the tobacco to humidors to filtered cigarette paper. You can make your own for as little as 76 cents a pack.

"We offer all-natural tobacco without any of the additives used in factory-made cigarettes," says Vernon Harris,

Universal's general manager. "Avoiding all those additives is part of the reason for growth in the make-your-own market, but the primary increase is due to high taxes on purchased cigarettes."

Harris notes that if you live in New York City, you will pay a city tax, county tax, state tax and federal tax. In fact, taxes now comprise 82 percent of the average cost of a pack of cigarettes.

Universal offers 6 models ranging in price from \$10 to \$42. All models inject the packed tobacco into paper tubes with filters already in place. The lower cost models require the operator to manually tamp the tobacco into the injector. The higher end machines compress and inject with the turn of a crank and can make regular, king size and 100 mm cigarettes.

Although the company markets its products via website as well as by mail and telephone, sales are limited to U.S. customers. "We have inquiries from all over the world, but we don't ship outside the U.S. It's getting tough enough just to sell in this country with all the regulations," says Harris.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Universal Supply Inc., P.O. Box 2648, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723 (ph 828 293-2222 or 800 241-8171; fax 828 293-2221; sales@makeyourownncigs.com; www.makeyourownncigs.com).



A North Carolina company sells everything cigarette smokers need to make their own cigarettes. You can make your own for as little as 76 cents a pack.

### Reader Recipes

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#### An Apple A Day For Fido

2 cups whole wheat flour  
1/2 cup unbleached flour  
1/2 cup cornmeal  
1 apple, chopped  
1 egg, beaten  
1/3 cup canola oil  
1 tbsp brown sugar  
1/3 cup water

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl, blend flours and cornmeal. Add apple, beaten egg, canola oil, brown sugar and water. Mix until well blended and a ball forms. On floured surface, roll dough out to 7/8-in. thickness. Cut with cookie cutters to desired shape and size. Place treats on lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake for 35 to 40 min. Turn off oven. Leave door closed for 1 hour to crisp treats. Remove treats from oven. Store baked treats in an airtight container or plastic bag and place in refrigerator or freezer.

Makes 2 to 2 1/2 dozen.

Dorothy Long

#### Goat Cheesecake

Put the following into a Graham cracker crust:

16 oz. fresh goat cheese (Ricotta)  
4 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 lemon (juice and zest) or 1 tbsp vinegar

Pour filling into crust and bake at 375° for 25 min. or until set. Cool.

#### Topping (optional)

Blend:

2 cups sour cream  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla

Pour on top of cooled filling. Bake at 375° for 3 to 8 min. Chill at least 12 hours before slicing. Garnish with seasonal fruit.

Laurel Walker