

Reader Recipes

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Garbage Can Turkey

1 new 10-gal. galv. garbage can
1 2x2 wood stake
10 lbs. charcoal
Aluminum foil
1 10 to 12-lb. turkey
Light entire 10 lbs. of charcoal in lid of can until all are burning. Spread aluminum foil on ground to make space about 3-ft. square. Cover stake with foil and drive into center of foil on ground. Place turkey butt end down on stake so legs are just touching foil on ground. Invert can over turkey. Shovel a loose layer of hot coals on top of can and the remainder all the way around the base of can, leaving no spaces. Do not disturb for 90 min. Lift can off carefully and remove turkey from stake. Enjoy!
Denis Mitrowski, Goodrich, Texas

Facial Cleanser

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 tbsp melted butter
Juice of one lemon

Mix ingredients in glass jar, store in refrigerator. Use to clean face and remove makeup. Rinse with cold water after using.
Judy Way, Wisconsin

Arabic Chicken

1 whole chicken with potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, tomatoes, mushrooms
1/4 cup vinegar
1/4 cup water

Wrap all ingredients tightly in foil after seasoning with salt & pepper. Seal tightly and bake at 400° for 1 1/2 hrs. Comes out tender and tasty. This is how arab bedouins often cook in the desert over an open fire.
Gene Austn, Bremerton, Wash.

“Off-Grid” Battery-Powered Refrigerators, Freezers

Not only do these battery-powered freezers keep food cold but unlike propane-powered units, they'll also freeze food solid.

“LP freezers are designed to store pre-frozen foods, but are not suggested for use in freezing a product,” says Vernon Musser, Musser Refrigeration, Goodville, Penn.

The battery-powered freezers Musser sells freeze foods solid and then some. He reports recording freezer temperatures of as low as minus 22° F.

Musser sells mainly to the Amish community, but also to a variety of other users such as missionaries overseas. He had one customer buy one to take to trade shows for use storing ice cream for sale. Another fellow bought a unit to store fresh shellfish from his dragline on the Chesapeake Bay.

Musser sells both refrigerators and freezers at \$1,200 apiece. Both are chest-type units. The SunDanzer 8-cu. ft. units are cooled by energy efficient, brushless DC motor compressors operating on 12 or 24 VDC (volts direct current). Efficiency is maintained with 4.33 in. (11 cm) of polyurethane insulation between the walls of the coated steel cabinets. The very efficient units are sized to run on a single 75-watt solar module.

Musser also sells iceboxes meant for flash chilling of fruit and vegetables. The stainless steel boxes operate off a 3/4-hp, belt-driven, cooling compressor. With the compressor, they average between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

To use them, about a foot of water is placed in the tank. About three inches of ice builds up on the coils.

“Some claim that chilling with water in an ice bank will keep milk and garden produce fresh longer than putting them warm in an upright or chest-type freezer or refrigerator,” says Musser.

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Unlike propane-powered units, battery-powered freezer can freeze food solid.

Combi-Locked Sliding Latch Bolt

A Lynnwood, Wash. company has added a combination lock to the traditional sliding bolt latch. It's a simple way to secure gates, doors, toolboxes, and even windows.

Although it can be used almost anywhere, the Combi-Bolt is ideal for the outdoors since it's totally rust proof. It's actually more secure than a padlock because of the enclosed lock bolt.

“The hardened steel bolt slides tightly into the receiver. Other products use the hasp-and-padlock design that leaves the shackle of the padlock exposed and easy to cut with a common hacksaw or bolt-cutter,” says the company. “It also has pick-resistant dials, designed with extremely tight clearances to resist shims and other picking tools.”

The Combi-Bolt comes with one-way security screws that can't be removed once they're installed. You can change the combination code at any time.

It retails for about \$29.95.

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Eye-Catching, Wind-Driven Sign

You can put any kind of personal touch you want on this new handcrafted “wind-powered” sign.

“It makes a great lawn ornament because you get to choose what it looks like, and because it's almost always in motion so you really notice it,” says Cathy Kratzke, Perham, Minn.

The circular sign is made from powder-coated steel and measures 24 in. wide by 28 in. high. The moving object inside the top half of the ring is driven by an 8-in. dia. plastic propeller, which drives a shaft connected to the object. Your name is stenciled in below the object.

The company offers more than 60 different standard moving objects. Examples include a man in a boat catching a fish that both rock back and forth; a tractor whose rear wheel rotates continuously; and a bucking horse and cowboy that both bob up and down.

However, you can customize both the moving object and a football-shaped scene below it with whatever you want by sending in photos.

A standard moving sign sells for \$99; customized signs cost up to \$150. A replacement football-shaped plate sells for \$25.

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An 8-in. dia. propeller (at left) drives the moving object inside sign.



Combination lock is built into sliding bolt latch.

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Holder Baffles Coons

Frank Miller of Beecher City, Ill., had a lot of trouble with raccoons knocking his garbage cans over and scattering the contents. So he used scrap metal to build a coon-baffling base to hold the can and started using bungee cords to hold the cover.

He fashioned a base made of crossed U-shaped iron which he welded together. Then he welded on a short rod, which he pushes into a hole in a slab of concrete that he set in the ground.

So far, the coons remain baffled and frustrated.

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Frank Miller used scrap metal to build a coon-baffling base that holds his garbage can in place.



“Electric Walker” Helps Wife Get Around

When Fabian Schaaf's wife became too weak to walk on her own, his son Kenneth built her an electric-powered walker to help. The power lift helps her out of her wheel chair and supports her while walking.

“Once she's upright, I can push the walker along, and she can get some exercise walking across the floor,” says Schaaf. “Without it, she could easily fall if she tried to walk.”

The walker consists of a frame, made from 1-in. dia. steel tubing, mounted on a U-shaped wood platform fitted with caster wheels.

A 12-volt drum winch from a boat trailer mounts on the platform along with a 12-volt battery. A steel cable runs up to a



Electric-powered walker helps Schaaf's wife out of wheel chair and also supports her while walking.

rope at the top that lifts a homemade sling. The wheelchair is rolled into the opening in the platform and she's lifted straight up out of her chair.

The rig may not be fancy, but Schaaf says it's built solid. Most important, it does what it's supposed to do.

“When her exercise is finished, I can lower her back into her wheel chair. Without this and a second lift that lets me move her in and out of bed, I couldn't take care of her at home,” says Schaaf.

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