

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044.

Soda Cracker Pie

3 egg whites, beaten stiff
14 soda crackers, crushed finely
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup heavy cream, whipped and sweetened

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 9-in. pan. Beat egg whites until stiff. Stir sugar and baking powder together and fold into egg whites. Fold in crackers, nuts, and vanilla. Spread into pan and bake 30 min. Cool and cover with a layer of strawberries or other fruit and whipped cream. Refrigerate for 4 hrs. or more before serving.

Mock Raspberry Jam

6 cups ground green tomatoes
6 cups sugar
2 tbsp butter
1 large package red raspberry Jello

Mix together tomatoes and sugar and boil for 10 min. Add 1 tbsp butter, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add 1 tbsp butter package of Jello. Stir until dissolved. Bring back to a boil. Ladle into sterilized jars and seal while hot.
Odonna Ziegler, Bagley, Minn.

Beefy Biscuit Cups

1 lb. ground beef
1 14-oz. jar spaghetti sauce
2 18-oz. tubes large refrigerated biscuits
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

In a skillet, brown beef, drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce, cook over medium heat for 5 to 10 min. or until heated through. Press biscuits onto the bottom and up the sides of greased muffin cups. Spoon 2 tbsp meat mixture into the center of each cup. Bake at 375° for 15 to 17 min. or until golden brown. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake 3 min. longer or until cheese is melted.
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Nasal Spray

Mix 1/2 tsp salt, a pinch of baking soda, and 1 cup warm water. Pour or spray into one nostril at a time, then gently blow. Helps drain sinus blockage and also may help fight viruses. Gargle with the mix to ease a sore throat.



Stripped-down lawn chair was flipped upside down to make kneeler.

Nifty Garden Kneeler

Bob Comer turned an old beat-up lawn chair into a handy garden kneeler. "I cut off the back of the chair, just above the armrests. Then I flipped the chair upside down and put a piece of plywood over the bottom of the old seat. Then I just put a foam cushion over the plywood and I was done. It's easy to carry and just the right height for a lot of work around the house and garden," says Comer.

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Tank Keeps Fish Fresh For The Dinner Table

By Rex Gogerty

"During a recent visit with friends in Germany, they showed me how they keep fresh fish ready for the dinner table.

"Carp are raised in a ¼-acre pond. The owners place 3-ft. high netting around it to keep herons and similar birds from wading in to fish.

"Larger fish are seined from the pond in November and transferred to a 300-gal. in-ground tank near the farm home that serves as a living refrigerator. Fresh water is added daily, and a wooden cover is kept in place to keep the water from freezing. Fish are netted as needed for family meals or for sale."

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Fish are kept in a 300-gal. in-ground tank that serves as a living refrigerator. Wooden cover (above) keeps water from freezing.



Slick Way To Fix Broken Zippers

Chris Felix was heading out the door when he put on his leather jacket and the zipper split open. He later learned it would cost \$80 to have a seamstress replace the zipper.

"That's too expensive," he told his wife.

"Look for another solution then," she replied.

So he did. In just a few hours Felix had a working prototype of an adjustable zipper slider. This fall, the first FlipanZip™ slider hits the market.

Eventually there will be four sizes to cover 10 different zipper sizes, explains Felix. His invention works on all types of zippers - standard, polyester, plastic, coil or metal zippers. FlipanZip resolves a host of problems of broken sliders, split zippers, and even missing teeth. No special tools are required.

"Use a wire cutter to cut the rib of the old slider, then put our slider on," Felix explains. FlipanZip has detached bottom and top parts, which are tightened with a screw and spring tensioner. Simply move the slider back and forth and adjust the tension until the zipper works smoothly.

"A lot of folks we talk to say they have three or four work garments that they can't figure out what to do with because the zippers are broken," Felix says. "Farmers who wear one-piece systems say the garments last, but dirt gets in the zipper slider and it malfunctions."

Not only can FlipanZip fix those zippers, it can also be removed and used on other garments, purses, tents, sleeping bags or gear bags. But at \$9.95 retail, FlipanZip is inexpensive enough to have a few on hand for emergency repairs. The website includes a video of how to install FlipanZip and information about where they can be purchased.

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Adjustable zipper slider can be used to repair all types of zippers.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Wooden condiment holder looks like a mini picnic table. The top has four holes for salt, pepper, ketchup and mustard. An I-bolt makes it easy to move around.



Mini Condiment Picnic Tables

Woodworkers hate to see anything go to waste, and Glenn Young is no exception. He builds lawn furniture for sale at craft shows and always has a pile of scraps in his shop. One winter he and his wife were on a trip in Texas and he saw a clever condiment holder made of wood. "It looked just like a picnic table," said Young, "and since I had plenty of scraps, I decided to make one myself."

That was in the late 1990's, and since then Young has sold somewhere between 350 and 400 at craft shows throughout the Midwest. The little condiment holders are about 6 in. long and 4 in. tall. The top has four holes for salt, pepper, ketchup and mustard, and an I-bolt in the center so it's easy to move around.

Sells for \$16 plus S&H.

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Pet Brush Vacuums Loose Hair

This new grooming tool for pets attaches to most vacuum cleaners equipped with a flexible hose. It combines deshedding, hair collection, and cleanup in one easy step.

Loosened hair goes directly into the vacuum cleaner before it has a chance to settle around your home.

The poly tool has a tapered end tube that fits vacuum cleaner hoses with an inside diameter measurement between 1 3/8 and 1 9/16 in. The tool's bristle design loosens shedding fur and self-clears with reverse strokes. A large vacuum chamber built into the brush prevents bristles from clogging with hair.

The tool can also be used on a wet pet by hooking it up to the hose on a shop vac. When used on a wet pet, it also accelerates the drying process.

Sells for \$29.99 plus S&H.

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Bristle loosens shedding fur, and it's sucked into vacuum cleaner.