

## 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.

### Mexican Corn Casserole

1/2 cup soft butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
4 eggs (slightly beaten)  
1 (4-oz.) can diced green chilies  
2 cans cream-style corn  
1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/8 teaspoon salt

Mix all ingredients together and place in a greased 1 1/2-qt. casserole dish. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour. (Can also be made in a slow cooker, allowing extra time for baking.)

### Potato Cakes

3 cups leftover mashed potatoes  
1 large egg  
1 1/2 Tbsp. flour  
3 Tbsp. cream  
2 Tbsp. minced onion  
4 Tbsp. melted shortening

Mix ingredients except shortening, and shape into flat cakes. Fry to a golden brown on both sides in shortening. This is a great way to use up leftover mashed potatoes in a way that tastes entirely different.

### Finger Icing

2 egg whites  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 cup white corn syrup  
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar

Stir with fingers until too hot to stand heat. Add 1/4 teaspoon vanilla. Beat into shape (will peak when in shape).  
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## Touchless Toilet Seat

Touchless toilet seat automatically opens and closes, eliminating the need to ever touch the seat or lid. As you approach, the lid automatically opens. To raise the seat, simply press a button on a wall-mounted remote unit. When you walk away, both the lid and seat close quietly. Fits most existing toilets. Operates on two AAA batteries and a 6-volt power adapter. Invented in Australia.

Contact: Queens & Kings (ph 011 61 8 9315 5040; Michael@qandk.com .au; www.qandk.com.au).



Toilet seat lid automatically opens for you.

## Automatic Paper Towel Dispenser

Ever get your hands all messy in the kitchen and go for a paper towel? With this automatic paper towel dispenser you don't have to touch anything to get a clean towel. It mounts under a cupboard or on the wall and uses standard paper towel rolls.

The longer you hold your hands under an invisible infrared beam, the more towel you get.

Contact: Smart Product Innovations, Inc.; Pitman, N. J. (ph 877 441-8368; www.smartproductinnovations.com).



"No touch" towel dispenser mounts under a cupboard or on the wall.



### Sweet Corn Cutter

This new sweet corn cutter is less messy and safer than a knife. Made of plastic and stainless steel, it measures 7 in. long by 2 1/4 in. wide with a stainless steel cutting blade at one end. The steel blade cuts close to the cob with no waste or mess.

Contact: CornCobber (ph 650 576-1992; www.compatibles.com).



Blade cuts close to cob with no waste or mess.



Two-piece valve simply screws onto plastic bag. Pump, right, sucks air out and cap seals it tight.

## Vacuum Seal System

There are plenty of vacuum food storage systems around but this one uses ordinary zip-lock storage bags. Helps keep food fresher for up to five times longer. The kit consists of a small, hand-operated vacuum pump, and 2-piece air valves that simply screw onto the plastic. Once you suck the air out you snap a cap in place to seal it.

Contact: Widgeteer, Inc., Crystal Lake, Ill. (ph 800 881-8353; www.vac-it.com).

## Hang & Level

Hanging pictures is easy with the "Hang & Level" that eliminates the nail "mistake" holes and scratches. It even has built-in levels to ensure your pictures are straight. The device has three hooks at the bottom. You hang the picture on one or more of the hooks and then position the picture on the wall. Find the right spot, then remove the picture without removing the tool and press a button to mark exactly where the nail goes.

Contact: Under The Roof Decorating, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (ph 866 428-4264; www.utrdecorating.com).



Finding the right place to nail is as easy as pressing a button on a hook.

# FARM SHOW®

**New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home**

Senior editor Bill Gergen recently traveled to the International Home & Housewares Show in Chicago. The products featured on this page are a few of the new ideas that caught his eye.



"Inchworm" shoe expands easily in half-size increments.

## Shoes That Grow

Your kids will get three times more use out of these "Inchworm" shoes that expand out to three different sizes. The shoe grows in half-size increments. To increase the size of the shoe, you just push a button on the side of the shoe and pull the toe out.

Contact: Inchworm Shoes (ph 866 989-0300 or 617 989-0300; www.inchwormshoes.com).

## Watch Flashlight

This watch doubles as an emergency flashlight. Press a button on the watch and it produces a 15-ft. beam that lights up for two minutes. Rubber or metal men's models available.

Contact: Neutrano, Inc., Vaughan, Ontario, Canada (ph 905 760-0226; www.neutrano.com).



## The Egg Cracker

The sharpened metal blade on the Egg Cracker results in fewer broken yolks and less crunchy shell fragments in your scrambled eggs. The blade is inside a curved cup on top of a small stand. Dishwasher safe.

Contact: Kitchen Snobs, Las Vegas, Nevada (ph 702 439-4658).



Metal blade inside curved cup makes it easy to crack eggs.

## Dog Paw Cleaner

If you spend a lot of time cleaning mud off your dog's paws, you'll like this new paw cleaner. It's basically a plastic jar with a soft neoprene collar. You fill the jar with warm water, stick the paws inside one by one, and swish it around. The neoprene makes it comfortable and helps squeeze water off the paw as you take it out. Sells for \$9.95 plus \$2.95 S&H.

Contact: Rivet Industries, LLC, Kansas City, Mo. (ph 816 500-1779; www.pawclean.com).



Just stick dog's paw inside jar and swish it around.