

Reader Recipes

Cowboy Caviar

15 oz. canned black beans, rinsed & drained
6 oz black olives, chopped
1/4 cup onion, chopped
3 tbsp garlic cloves, chopped
2 tbsp oil
2 tbsp lime juice
8 oz cream cheese, softened
2 eggs, hard-boiled, sliced
1 green onion, chopped

In a bowl, combine black beans, black olives, onion, garlic, oil and lime juice. Mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hrs. Spread cream cheese on a serving plate. Spoon the bean mixture evenly over the cream cheese. Arrange hard-boiled egg slices on the bean mixture in a ring around the edge of the plate. Sprinkle with green onion. Serve with crackers, chips, bread or raw vegetables.

Mayonnaise Dressing

1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup water
1 tsp salt
2 tsp flour
1 egg
1/2 cup vinegar
3 tsp mustard

Stir in vinegar and boil until thick. Add a pinch of turmeric to make it yellow.
*Fanny Kuepfer,
Monkton, Ontario*

Easy Butterscotch Cake

1 pkg (18.25 oz.) yellow cake mix
2 eggs
1 can vanilla or butterscotch pudding
1 pkg (small) butterscotch bits

Mix cake mix, eggs and pudding with mixer on slow speed until well-mixed. Do not beat. Pour batter into greased and floured 9 by 13-in. pan. Cover with butterscotch bits. Nuts may also be added. Push into batter with spatula. Bake at 350° F for 30 min.

Lip Gloss

Melt 3 tbsp Crisco in a cup in microwave. Add 1 packet cherry, or other flavor, Kool-Aid. Stir well. When cooled slightly, pour into an empty 35 mm film canister or other small container. Refrigerate overnight.

Portable Dog Kennel Keeps Pooch Happy

Whenever he wants Mike Elder, White Plains, Md., can move his small “wiener” dog around in his back yard, while keeping it safe from predators at the same time. That’s because he installed a wooden floor in his dog kennel and mounted it on wheels. A small homemade doghouse with a flat tin roof gives the dog a dry place to sleep.

“It lets me move the dog into the sun or shade, depending on weather conditions. He hasn’t gotten wet yet and thinks he’s a king,” says Mike.

He bought a panel wire cage at Tractor Supply Co. and mounted it on wheels.

He used 2 by 4 treated lumber to build the floor and installed a 10-in. air-filled wheel at each corner, using 5/8-in. dia. metal rods for the axles.

“I spent a total of about \$370. I paid \$300 for the cage and \$50 for the lumber used to build the floor. I bought the wheels at Harbor Freight for \$5 apiece.”

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Panel wire cage is mounted on wheels, with doghouse inside.

“Safety Slider” For Oxygen Hose

Ever since he had a heart attack several years ago, Tom Kiernan, Auburn, Iowa, has needed to use oxygen 24/7.

“We keep the concentrator machine in our kitchen,” says Tom. “It’s equipped with a 25-ft. long hose, which we tried to keep coiled up out of the way as much as possible. However, I kept tripping over it. In fact, I fell and broke my arm on Christmas Day, 2010, by getting my feet tangled in the hose.”

His brother-in-law, Dick Suntken, and Tom’s wife, Sherry, solved the problem by constructing a wire slider with rings on it that carry the hose. The wire is attached to I-bolts in the ceiling, 8 ft. off the floor. The hose is free to slide back and forth along the wire as he walks around the home.

“It keeps the hose mounted permanently off the floor out of the way, yet provides great flexibility,” says Tom. “Even though the wire only runs from the kitchen to the living room, the hose is long enough that I can easily access our bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and living room. I can even sit out on the patio on a nice day.”

The Kiernans have a do-it-yourself kit for \$25 plus \$5 S&H. Price may vary according to your needs.

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“No Dog Allowed” Sign

Gary Eberspacher, Milford, Neb., didn’t want dogs doing their bathroom duty on the vacant lot next to his house so he had a big yard sign made with a graphic illustration on it. But keeping the sign in place hasn’t been easy.

“The sign got my point across and eventually, people quit using my yard to exercise their dogs. But it’s a unique sign that’s attractive to thieves,” says Eberspacher.

He sunk the sign post deep in the ground and put two Master padlocks through the sign over the bolts.

“The sign lasted until last spring, when someone must have used a high lift jack to steal the sign, post and all. Now I plan to cement the post into the ground.

“If anyone else would like a sign like this feel free to contact me,” he adds.

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“No dog allowed” sign is bolted to a post sunk deep in the ground.



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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



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Bench Made From Old Bed Frame

An old wooden twin bed frame can be turned into a dandy bench, says John Dietzman, Delavan, Wis.

His “bed bench” measures 4 ft. wide and is constructed entirely from the wooden frame from an old twin bed. The headboard serves as the back of the bench and provides the rear legs, while the footboard provides the front legs and armrests. The bed’s 5-in. wide side rails were used to make the seat, with Dietzman cutting the rails to a 14-in. length. He added clove molding on front and back to cover the ends of the seat boards.

“It looks nice and makes quite a conversation piece,” says Dietzman. “It’s all natural, with no paint or stain. The only parts that aren’t off the bed are a pair of 2 by 2 boards that extend from one side of the bench to the other to support the seats.

“I get the beds from the local Goodwill or Salvation Army or at garage sales and resale shops. Over the years I’ve made about 15 benches like this, including some made from queen and double wide beds. It takes at least 3 hours to make each bench.”

Dietzman says he’s willing to build bed benches for others.

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“Roaster Lid” Bird Feeder

John Dietzman, Delavan, Wis., made a low-cost bird feeder out of an aluminum roaster lid and some 1 by 3 wooden boards.

The feeder hangs from a tree about 20 ft. from the deck behind Dietzman’s house. The 1-ft. dia. aluminum lid is suspended by a coat hanger from a tree limb. The feeder itself is suspended from the lid by a pair of light chains. Dietzman made the feeder by gluing three 1 by 3 boards together, and then drilling a pair of 1 1/4-in. dia., 2-in. deep holes for the bird feed.

“The lid keeps rain off the feed and also helps keep squirrels off. I found that rain tends to dissolve the glue between the boards so now I use screws instead,” says Dietzman.

“My wife and I work with handicapped kids through a local Awana church group, and over the years I’ve made more than 50 kits so kids can put together their own bird houses and bird feeders.”

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Aluminum roaster lid keeps rain off bird feed.