

"Lava Buns" Seat Cushion Gets Heat From Microwave

You'll have "the best seat in the house" no matter where you sit with new "Lava Buns", a portable heated seat cushion that gets its heat by zapping it in a microwave for 5 min. or less. Stays comfortably warm up to 4 hours. Works great on a cold tractor or pickup seat, or for cold bleacher seats, hunting and fishing expeditions, etc.

Consists of a non-toxic thermal fluid enclosed in a Teflon-treated cover that resists stains and water. It's washable and requires no electricity or batteries. It can be reheated in the microwave again and again without losing its heating power.

Sells for \$29.95. Lava slippers and a



Lava heating pad are also available.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Vesture Corp., 202 Commerce Place, Box 791, Randleman, N.C. 27317 (ph 919 498-7001).

Sonic Cap Has Built-In "Ears"

It looks funny but if you wear this new "Sonic Cap" in the woods or fields, you'll hear sounds you've never heard before, including bird calls from as far as 100 yards away.

If you're hard of hearing, the "sonic ear" listening unit can also be used in church, at lectures, concerts, etc., by detaching it from the cap and fitting it with a set of stereo headphones.

The "sonic ear" consists of a small battery-powered amplifier fitted with a microphone and a pair of earplugs. The microphone swivels forward when in use. Foam padding on the microphone reduces wind noise. A small plastic megaphone can be mounted over the microphone to improve



its directional focus.

Cap is available in four colors. Sells for \$69.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Sonic Technology Products, Inc., 120 Richardson St., Grass Valley, Calif. 95945 (ph 800 247-5548).

Spray Bottle With Built-In Pump

New spray bottle uses compressed air as the propellant. It's pressurized by a simple hand pump built into the base of the bottle. Unlike aerosol cans it's refillable, reusable, and recyclable. To refill, simply unscrew the top and pour in liquid. Applications include water, cleansers, hair products, personal care products, spray paint, etc. Sells for \$6.00.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Reon, 7486 La Jolla Blvd., No. 555, La Jolla, Calif. 92037 (ph 619 450-1325).



"Pomato" Plants Add Fun To Garden

You can amaze your friends and neighbors this year by creating "pomato" plants in your garden - a grafted-together combination that produces juicy red tomatoes on top and potatoes below ground.

Jane Fyksen, an editor at AGRI-VIEW Magazine in Wisconsin, wrote about the idea last year after hearing about it from an extension horticulturist. The reason you can successfully graft tomato and potato plants together is that they come from the same family of plants. What you're actually doing is grafting a complete tomato plant onto potato root stock. Yields will be lower than if the plants were on their own but you end up with a great garden "curiosity".

Start with a normal size potato and a small tomato seedling. Use an apple corer or small knife to make a round hole all the way through the potato. Then wash soil off the roots of the tomato seedling. Dampen sphagnum moss and gently wrap it around the

tomato's root system and insert the roots into the hole in the potato.

Then plant the pomato into a pot filled with potting soil, with the potato a couple inches deep or more below the surface. If sprouts come up from the potato, you should clip them off at the soil surface right away so the potato relies solely on the tomato to gather above-ground nutrients. The tomato roots, in turn, will bore their way into the potato.

In most cases, the tomato usually takes off without a problem but getting the potato to grow can be the difficult part. If, after a couple weeks, the tomato is growing strong and you don't detect a rotten smell around the base of the plant, that means the potato is probably growing and not just rotting away.

You can plant the pomato outside at the same time you plant your other tomato seedlings.

New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Weed Disc For Front-Tine Tillers

"I use a front-tine tiller to cultivate my garden. After I run it the garden always looks good for a day or so but then weeds start coming up in the middle of the row," says Lester Ginnow, Omro, Wis.

"To work the middle strip that doesn't get tilled because it's under the gear case, I use a 5-in. dia. horizontal disc mounted on a shaft in place of the depth control stick. I set it just a little shallower than the tines.

"Both the shaft and disc rotate freely and can also be rotated by hand with a small crank on top of the shaft, if needed. Does a great job."



Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lester Ginnow, Too Little Mfg. Co., 4843 Ginnow Rd., Omro, Wis. 54963 (ph 414 685-5227).

Powered Potato Peeler

You'll like this cordless "power peeler" that makes peeling fruits and vegetables easy. It's equipped with a stainless steel blade that snaps out for cleaning.

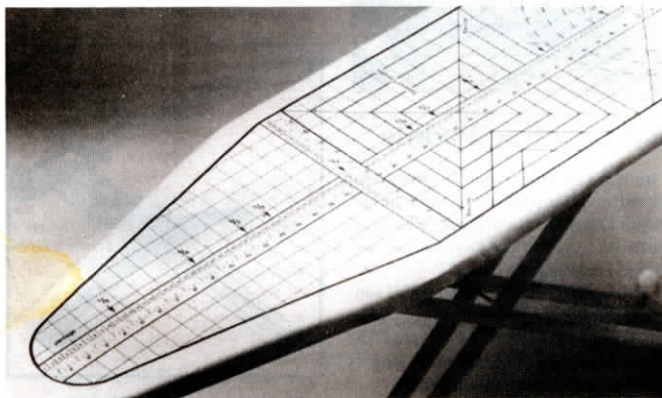
The lightweight unit has an easy-grip handle that makes it comfortable to hold and there's a plastic cutting tip at the end. An automatic on-off switch is located on top for easy use with either left or right hand. Can also be used to grate cheese.

Sells for \$37.75.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The



West Bend Co., 400 Washington, West Bend, Wis. 53095 (ph 414 334-6822).



"Sewing Helper" Ironing Board

If you like to sew, you'll want to take a look at this new ironing board cover that's embossed with measuring rules and cutting grids.

Measurements are marked in both standard and metric and there are bias lines to cut fabric on the grain, squares to assist in cutting corners, and circles to assist in cut-

ting half and quarter circles (it's also helpful in cutting apparel patterns requiring rounded shoulders and necklines).

Sells for \$17.99.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Seymour Housewares, 885 North Chestnut St., Box 408, Seymour, Ind. 47274-0408).