

Reader Recipes

Coke Salad

1 can cherry pie filling
1 cup sugar
2 3-oz. packages cherry
Jell-O
3/4 cup Coke
1 20-oz. can crushed
pineapple
1/2 cup water
Drain pineapple,
reserving juice. In
a saucepan, bring
pineapple juice and
water to a boil. Add
Jell-O. Stir until
dissolved. Stir in pie
filling and Coke. Pour
into serving bowl.
Refrigerate until
slightly thickened.
Fold in crushed
pineapple. Refrigerate
until firm.

Crunchy Pea Salad

1 10-oz. pkg. frozen
peas
1 cup sliced celery
1 cup chopped
cauliflower
1/2 cup green onion,
diced
1 tbsp sliced pimento
1 cup roasted cashews
1/4 cup crisp cooked
bacon
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup Hidden Valley
Ranch Dressing
1/2 tsp mustard
Dash of garlic salt
Rinse peas in hot
water, drain. Combine
vegetables, nuts and
bacon with sour
cream. Mix prepared
dressing, mustard
and garlic together.
Pour over salad. Toss
gently and chill.

Mom's Fried Chicken

1 3 to 4-lb. chicken, cut
into pieces
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper
2 cups buttermilk
Self-rising flour
Vegetable oil

Sprinkle chicken
with salt and pepper.
Place chicken in
shallow dish and add
buttermilk. Cover
and chill at least 2
hrs. Remove chicken
from buttermilk and
dredge in flour. Pour
oil to a depth of 1 1/2
in. deep in skillet or
Dutch oven. Heat to
360°. Add chicken a
few pieces at a time.
Cover and cook 6
min. Uncover chicken
and cook 9 min. Turn
chicken, cover and
cook 6 min. Uncover
and cook 5 to 9 min.,
turning the chicken
during the last 3 min.
for even browning, if
necessary. Drain on
paper towels.



Home-built pantry converts to a casket by removing the shelves and attaching a lid.

Casket Does Double Duty As Household Pantry

Whenever Junior Stailey grabs a can of coffee or jar of pickles, he's making use of his future casket. At 45, the Indiana high school math teacher doesn't think he'll have to convert his pantry to its final use for many years. And that's the whole point of it.

"I'd rather spend \$1,000 for something I can use for 30 years than more money later for something used only for a day," Stailey explains.

He was inspired to build the convertible piece of furniture by his work as a Sunday School teacher for people in their 80's, where death is a familiar topic.

"I have enough assurance from my faith, that it's not morbid to have my future casket in my home," he says.

In 2011, he drew up a design and hired his neighbor, a cabinet builder, to make the pantry. Made of birch plywood, trimmed in cherry with solid oak handles hidden in the back, it makes an attractive pantry that Stailey keeps in his heated garage. Remove the shelves, attach the lid and slide out the handles for pallbearers to carry, and it converts easily to a casket. For the final makeover, an inexpensive liner can be purchased from the funeral home.

"Federal law dictates that funeral homes must accept homemade caskets, unless the craftsmanship is poor and allows the body to fall out," Stailey notes. He had the pantry built 28 1/2 in. wide by 21 3/4 in. deep and 78 1/2 in. tall so that it fits inside a concrete vault, required in most cemeteries. He also pre-drilled holes for the lid, which is mounted on the back of the pantry.

"I like things with multi uses," he adds. "And it's one less thing that my family has to worry about."

Stailey says he will build and sell his pantry/casket to others for \$1,500, plus shipping. So far, he hasn't had any takers, but he would love to hear from anyone interested. His YouTube video (First Ever Casket For Life/Pantry) shows how it is built.



Stailey keeps the "pantry casket" in his heated garage.

Eye-Catching Chicken Purse

This rubber chicken purse is sure to attract attention everywhere you go. It's made from easy-to-clean rubber and has red nylon handles and a nylon base and lining. It also has big red eyeballs, a yellow beak, and black feather accents on the sides and back.

The purse measures about 10 in. long by 7 1/2 in. wide and is 10 in. deep. There's a 6 1/2-in. long zippered opening on top.

Sells on Amazon.com for \$44.99 S&H included.



Chicken purse is made from easy-to-clean rubber.

"Bucket Lid Seat"

Here's a nice little seat for your garden or job site that's inexpensive and doesn't take up a lot of room.

The Zoro plastic bucket lid seat measures 12 in. dia. and is designed to fit into the top of a 5-gal. bucket. The black lid is 2 1/4 in. thick and comes with a slotted top that sheds water.

Sells for \$6.56 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Zoro (ph 855 289-9676; www.zoro.com).



Bucket lid seat has a slotted top that sheds water.

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"Upright and cross arm" hitch lets Brinkhaus pull 2 garbage cans at a time behind his ATV or van.

ATV Hitch Pulls Garbage Cans Down Driveway

"We have a steep driveway that can get real icy during the winter, so after I took a nasty fall last winter, my son Dave decided to build a hitch to fit our ATV and other vehicles. It lets us pull 2 garbage cans at a time behind any vehicle equipped with a receiver hitch," says Jack Brinkhaus, Shakopee, Minn.

The plasma-cut hitch is made from powder coated steel for durability and consists of an upright and cross arm, which bolts onto another upright that's welded to a 2-in. sq. tube. Four small carriage bolts can be used to adjust the hitch up or down. A carabiner is attached at each end of the arm and clips onto the garbage can handle.

"We just tilt the garbage cans down and hook the handles onto the carabiners," says Brinkhaus.

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Quick And Easy Burglar Alarm

It's easy to make an inexpensive burglar alarm, says FARM SHOW reader Floyd Hazelman of Tremont, Ill. He had most of the parts on hand to create an alarm to alert him when someone opens his garage door.

"I used a 6-volt alarm bell, a pair of car (ignition) points, and a 6-volt lantern battery," Hazelman says. A string on the points connects to a plastic disc on the doorknob, so that when the door opens it pulls the string, the points touch, and the bell rings.

At 78, Hazelman wants to be warned if someone is around when he is working in the yard and has the door unlocked, or if someone breaks in. It also lets him know where his grandkids are when they come to visit.

It's worked well, he says, and he only had to buy the battery, which he figures will stay charged for at least a couple of years.

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Burglar alarm was made from a 6-volt alarm bell, a pair of car ignition points, and a 6-volt lantern battery.