

Reader Recipes

Pomona's Apple Pie Jam

Apple Sauce:
3-4 lbs. apples (9-12 medium apples)
1/4 cup-1/2 cup water
Jam:
4 cups cooked apple sauce
2 tsp calcium water, prepared according to package directions
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp allspice
1/2 cup-1 cup honey or 3/4 cup-2 cups sugar
2 tsp Pomona's Pectin powder

Peel, core, and chop apples and put in a sauce pan with the water. Bring to a simmer and simmer covered, stirring and mashing occasionally, until you have chunky or smooth apple sauce. Remove from heat and measure out 4 cups of apple sauce. Wash jars, lids, and bands. Place jars in canner, fill canner 2/3 full with water, bring to a boil. Put measured amount of apple sauce into sauce pan. Add calcium water, lemon juice, and spices, and mix well. Measure sugar or honey into a bowl. Mix pectin powder into sweetener and set aside. Bring fruit mixture to a full boil. Add pectin-sweetener mixture, stirring vigorously for 1 to 2 minutes to dissolve the pectin while the jam comes back to a boil. Once the jam returns to a full boil, remove from heat. Fill hot jars to 1/4-in. of top. Wipe rims clean. Screw on 2-piece lids. Put filled jars in boiling water to cover. Boil 10 min. (add 1 min. for every 1,000 ft. above sea level). Remove from water. Let jars cool. Check seals. Eat within 1 year. Lasts 3 weeks once opened.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Biscuit Bake

10-count refrigerated country biscuits
1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
1/2 cup strawberry jelly

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line the bottom of a greased 8-in. square baking dish with 5 biscuits. Flatten and stretch the biscuits to make them cover the dish. Spread peanut butter on the biscuits, then spoon jelly on top of the peanut butter. Flatten and stretch the remaining 5 biscuits and place them on top to form 5 sandwiches. Bake 22-24 min. until the biscuits are nicely browned.



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Floating Grid Keeps Things Clean

"The Floating Grid is especially useful for painting and cleaning," says Jerry Budde, co-inventor of the Floating Grid. "The screen floats on top of whatever liquid you're using."

The Floating Grid comes in two different sizes. One is 10-in. across and fits in a 5-gal. bucket. The smaller grid is 5.4-in. across and fits in a 1-gal. bucket.

"When you're cleaning, the Grid will keep your rag on top of the solution, so you don't have to go digging for it at the bottom of the container," Budde says. "When you need to get a rag wet, just push the grid down into the solution and get it wet."

"Once you wring it out and finish cleaning, throw it back in the bucket, and the Floating Grid keeps it on the top," he says. "All of the dirt and grime will fall through the grid to the bottom."

The Floating Grid is also a big help for painters because they can say goodbye to those clumsy metal paint pans.

"Just place the Grid on top of the paint, take your roller and push down on the Grid to get paint on it," he says. "When it comes back to the top, roll it again so the correct amount of paint gets on your roller."

The Grid will also clean the edges of a roller so there's no dripping and it doesn't leave lines on a wall.

"When you're done painting for the day, leave the Grid in the can, put the paintbrush on it if the level is low enough, and put the lid back on the can," Budde says. "That means no cleaning is necessary."

The inspiration for the Floating Grid came when Budde's partner was painting with someone who had a homemade version of a grid in a paint can.

"It was sort of a foam wreath that he put a grid on," Budde says. "My partner asked if his friend was going to do anything commercially with the idea. He said no, so we got permission to run with it."

The Floating Grid is made of durable plastic and works in all kinds of cleaning solvents and solutions, no matter how harsh. It's a polypropylene plastic that won't break down in those solutions.

The Floating Grids are available at probuddyproducts.com or on Amazon. The company is looking to find more distributors in the future.

The five-gallon Floating Grid is \$9.95, while the one-gallon is \$4.95. The combo package with a five-gallon and one-gallon grid is \$12.95.

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These Garden Tools Are Heavy, Sharp

Wilcox All Pro Inc. makes digging tools that are built to last.

"Our tools are heavy and sharp. Our catch-phrase is 'we're the sharpest tools in the shed.' We make 33 different tools," says Wilcox owner Jake Thompson. "Our line includes trowels, weeders, digging tools and more."

The tools are made out of stainless and galvanized steel. Everything is sourced in the U.S., and the tools are made in Iowa.

The tools can even be custom engraved with a company or farm name and logo.

Wilcox Tools can be purchased on Amazon and the company's website. They have distributors located in several states from California to New York and also have a distributor in Australia.

Most trowels and weeders are between \$15 and \$20. The All-Pro Discovery Knife, originally made from scrap material in the shop and now one of the company's most popular products, costs \$15.99.

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Wilcox tools can be custom engraved with company logos.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



Laundry Jet uses 6-in. ports to "pull" laundry from around the house to the laundry room.

Air-Powered Laundry Jet

You'll wonder why no one came up with this idea a long time ago. The Laundry Jet sucks in dirty clothes and delivers them to your laundry room at 30 mph. An optional return system will take clean clothes from the laundry back to your bedroom.

Instead of gravity, the patented Laundry Jet uses a high flow of air to suction laundry up, down or sideways to deposit in the laundry room. No more laundry baskets to carry up and down stairs. Instead, 6-in. ports that open manually or by the wave of a hand in front of a sensor turn the system on, pulling laundry through.

Drew Henry, a self-taught engineer and entrepreneur, made the first system using leaf blowers to help his pregnant wife who was also raising two young sons. Later when they moved to a bigger house, Henry improved on the system when the third of his five sons encouraged him.

In new construction, the trunk line of lightweight 6-in. PVC pipe can be installed the same way HVAC lines are installed in transition or attic spaces. Laundry Jet can also be retrofitted into existing buildings by DIYers with the help of an online video or by installers throughout the U.S.

The Swift version of Laundry Jet accommodates up to four ports, and the Plus version works with up to eight ports, with runs as long as 200 ft. The Return Unit is an option to take the clean clothes back to one location and requires an extra line.

Thanks to social media, Laundry Jet has become popular over the last three years.

Customers include everyone from homeowners and people with mobility issues, to hotels and chain stores to second-hand clothing operations.

"There was a study by the laundry industry that discovered that doing laundry requires the largest amount of time in managing a home, and this reduces that work," Henry notes.

Each system is customized according to the size of the home, starting at about \$2,500 for the basic Swift system with one port.

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