

Reader Recipes

Roasted Rhubarb

1 lb. rhubarb, trimmed
1 1/4 cups superfine sugar, divided
1/2 vanilla bean, split
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Zest and juice of 1/2 orange

Rinse rhubarb under cold water and pat dry. Slice stalks into sticks about the length and width of your index finger. Toss with 3/4 cup sugar, then place into a container and store in refrigerator overnight. The next day, preheat oven to 350 F. Remove rhubarb from the refrigerator and lay the stalks in rows in a roasting pan large enough for them to sit snugly. Take a spatula and scrape any residual sugar and juice over the rhubarb. Put the remaining 1/2 cup sugar in a bowl and scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the sugar. Use the tips of your fingers to distribute the vanilla, then add the cornstarch and whisk everything together. Scatter the sugar over the rhubarb and add the zest and juice. Cover with foil and bake for 20-25 mins., until the rhubarb is tender, but still holding its shape. Cool on a rack at room temperature. Will keep in the refrigerator for 4 days in a well sealed container.

Chocolate Refrigerator Cake

4 ounces sweet milk chocolate
1/4 cup hot water
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 egg whites
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 cup cream, whipped
2 dozen lady fingers

Melt chocolate with hot water and salt in a double boiler. When well blended, beat in egg yolks and cook and stir over hot water for 4 to 5 mins. or until egg yolks are set. Remove from heat and chill slightly. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry, then beat in the powdered sugar. Fold into the chocolate mixture. Whip the cream until stiff and fold into the chocolate mixture. Arrange the lady fingers on the bottom and sides of a spring form mold. Pour in the chocolate mixture. Chill for several hours or overnight.

Plastic Lid Helps Preserve Paint

Seal-it is a two-piece solution to avoid a stuck paint can lid and the ensuing mess.

The included ring on the Seal-it fits into a reservoir on the top of your paint can when the lid is removed, eliminating the problem of a stuck-on lid. The cover then sits on top of the ring between uses, forming a gentle vacuum in the can. This "seal" can keep paint fresh for 12 mos. or more, and cans are stackable when the Seal-it is in place.

"I designed this product after moving into our new home, and my wife asked me to do some wall patching which required touch-up painting," says founder Dave Fegel. "It was a nightmare trying to get the old cans opened. It was after this that I came up with the Seal-it."

The Seal-it is an excellent option for anyone who plans to use the same can of paint repeatedly. Says Fegel, "Every time you open a can of paint after using the Seal-it, it's like opening a new can of paint. You don't have old sticky paint on the lid. The paint is fresh, and the lid is like new."

Another benefit is that the Seal-it is environmentally friendly, as it will reduce the 10 to 20 percent of paint currently wasted per can.

Seal-it is gaining recognition from customers. In 2023, it was the First Place Winner of the Retailer's Choice Award at the National Hardware Convention in Las Vegas.

A single-can solution is available for \$11.99 plus shipping on the company website. You can also purchase a three-pack (\$29.99) or a 25-pack (\$225).

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Seal-it ring and cover keep paint clean and fresh when not in use.



Magnetic closures hold laces in place without the need to tie them.

Handy Alternative To Shoe-Tying

Zubits are patent pending magnetic closures that convert tie shoes into slippers. The magnets are enclosed in plastic and won't attract outside metal when connected.

Zubits allow the shoe's tongue to be lifted, forming a wide opening that makes slipping your foot into the shoe easy. The magnets on each side attach themselves when you pull the two pieces together—no more tying. Removing your shoes is as easy as stepping out of them. Zubits can be moved from one pair of shoes to another.

Zubits come in three sizes. Choosing the right one for your needs isn't based solely on shoe size. As the Zubits' size increases, so does the magnet's strength. Size 1 is most often used by children, elders and some people with special needs. Size 2 is the most popular and used by most adults. Size 3 is for performance/active use. An interactive selection tool is available on the company website. Answer questions about your weight, the activity level you'll be using the Zubits for, how tight you like your laces and the heaviness of your shoes, and you'll get a recommendation for which Zubits are best for you.

Installation instructions are included with the Zubits, and video instructions are available on the company website. Website users can also find several "tips and tricks," such as opening and closing with one hand, the best method for closing, tips for laces, and much more.

With over 3,500 ratings on Amazon, Zubits average 4.3 out of 5 stars. One reviewer says, "Super easy to install. Strong magnets. These are wonderful to use with my husband's diabetic shoes. He has limited mobility, and these make putting shoes on much easier."

Zubits are available on the company website and on Amazon. They cost \$14.99 to \$22.99 plus S&H and come with a set of lace-securing clips.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home



Elongated handle goes over pot or pan handle and has a wrist support. Screw-on handle provides help with lifting.

Handle Helps With Pots And Pans

KitchInventions has a new product to help in the kitchen. The Pan Buddy is a tool designed to help people easily grip and lift heavy pots and pans.

The Pan Buddy is a small, durable device that attaches to any pot or pan handle. Users grip the device instead of the pan handle, providing a more comfortable and secure grip.

The Pan Buddy has received positive reviews from people with arthritis who have tried it. "I used to struggle with lifting heavy pots and pans, but the Pan Buddy has made all the difference," says Sarah, a satisfied customer. "It's affordable, easy to use, and has made cooking enjoyable again."

The Pan Buddy is made of high-quality, heat-resistant materials and is dishwasher-safe. Sells for \$19.99 plus S&H at the KitchInventions website. It has a design patent and other patents pending.

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All-In-One Smartphone Gadget

The Kenu Stance+® 10-in-1 Smartphone Super Gadget allows you to mount or hold your phone several ways with one accessory.

The multi-purpose gadget is smaller than a credit card and made of anodized aluminum. It's .3 in. thick and weighs a little over 3 oz. The Stance+ is compatible with MagSafe® iPhone 12 and newer phones and comes with a metal ring for other smartphones and non-rubber cases.

Multiple hinges allow it to transform into a stand for hands-free viewing and a finger grip for one-handed phone use. Wrap the Stance+ around handles or mount it in a car vent or CD slot. In its fully open position, it becomes a "selfie stick." Four magnets allow it to attach to metal objects such as refrigerators, stoves or vehicles.

Reviewers on the Kenu site give it 4.8/5 stars. Reviewer Michael M. says, "Best MagSafe phone accessory I've purchased. I've used many different MagSafe stands and grips. The multifunctional aspect of this item makes it the best despite not being the slimmest."

The Stance+ is sold on the company website and Amazon. It retails for between \$59.95 and \$79.95. S&H is free on U.S. orders over \$30.

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